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# SCOREBOARD

## TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Perth Glory	5	3	2	0	10	6	4	11
2	Adelaide United	5	3	2	0	10	6	4	11
3	Brisbane Roar	4	2	2	0	2	0	2	8
4	CC Mariners	5	2	2	1	5	4	1	8
5	Nth Qld Fury	5	1	2	2	9	10	-1	5
6	Melbourne Heart	5	1	2	2	6	7	-1	5
6	Melbourne Victory	5	1	2	2	6	9	-3	5
8	Wellington Phoenix	4	1	1	2	6	6	0	4
9	Newcastle Jets	4	0	3	1	1	2	-1	3
10	Gold Coast United	3	0	2	1	3	4	-1	2
11	Sydney FC	5	0	2	3	6	10	-4	2

## WEEKEND RESULTS

Sydney FC 1  
Adelaide United 3

Melbourne Heart 1  
Nth Qld Fury 0

Newcastle Jets 0  
Brisbane Roar 0

CC Mariners 2  
Melbourne Victory 0

Perth Glory 2  
Phoenix 1

## TOP GOAL SCORERS

2 - Chris GREENACRE, Chris GROSSMAN, Paul IFILL, Branko JELIC, Kevin MUSCAT, Chris PAYNE, Shane SMELTZ, Mile STERJOVSKI, Iain RAMSAY, David WILLIAMS

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NEXT WEEK

Week 6	FIXTURE	VENUE	LOCAL	AEST
Fri, 10 Sept 2010	CC Mariners vs. Melbourne Heart	Bluetongue Stadium	8:00pm	8:00pm
Sat, 11 Sept 2010	Wellington Phoenix vs. Sydney FC	Westpac Stadium	7:15pm	5:15pm
Sat, 11 Sept 2010	Adelaide United vs. Newcastle Jets	Hindmarsh Stadium	7:00pm	7:30pm
Sun, 12 Sept 2010	Melbourne Victory vs. Brisbane Roar	AAMI Park	3:00pm	3:00pm
Sun, 12 Sept 2010	Perth Glory vs. Gold Coast United	nib Stadium	3:00pm	5:00pm
Weekend Break	North Queensland Fury			



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SYDNEY FC



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ADELAIDE UNITED



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Sydney FC: 1 (KELLER 58')  
Adelaide United FC: 3  
(van DIJK 9', 53', LECKIE 37')

**Sydney FC Line-up:** 1. Liam REDDY (gk), 2. Sebastian RYALL, 3. Stephan KELLER, 8. Stuart MUSIALIK (c) (6. Hirofumi MORIYASU 46'), 10. Nicky CARLE, 11. Kofi DANNING, 12. Shannon COLE, 19. Mark BRIDGE, 21. Scott JAMIESON (9. Bruno CAZARINE 57'), 22. Sung-Hwan BYUN, 23. Rhyan GRANT.  
**Substitutes Not Used:** 5. Hayden FOXE, 20. Ivan NECEVSKI.  
**Yellow Cards:** Nil.  
**Red Cards:** Nil.  
**Goals:** 3. Stephan KELLER 58'.

**Adelaide United FC:** 1. Eugene GALEKOVIC (gk), 4. Iain FYFE, 5. David MULLEN, 6. CASSIO, 7. Lucas PANTELIS (c) (26. Joseph KEENAN 89'), 8. Adam HUGHES, 9. Sergio van DIJK, 10. Marcos FLORES (17. Iain RAMSAY 76'), 12. Paul REID, 19. Mathew LECKIE, 24. Cameron WATSON (2. Robert CORNTHWAITE 65').  
**Substitutes Not Used:** 20. Mark BIRIGHITTI (gk).  
**Yellow Cards:** 8. Adam HUGHES 22', 4. Iain FYFE 59'.  
**Red Cards:** Nil.  
**Goals:** 9. Sergio van DIJK 9', 53', 19. Mathew LECKIE 37'.

**Referee:** Peter GREEN.  
**Crowd:** 7,558 at the Sydney Football Stadium.



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# Reds run riot as Champs left to ponder

By Mike Salter

Sydney FC's championship hang-over continued, as they were comfortably beaten at home by a confident and assured Adelaide United.

With Alex Brosque still unavailable, Sydney's coach Vitezslav Lavicka opted to continue with Kofi Danning up front, despite the signing of much-travelled Brazilian Bruno Cazarine during the week. Adelaide were able to field an unchanged eleven, and the side which had won in Townsville last week picked up where they left off.

The away side's first chance arrived after only two minutes, when Sergio van Dijk, a torment to Sydney's defence throughout, touched the ball off for Marcos Flores. The Argentinian's right-footed shot curved just wide of Liam Reddy's near post.

Van Dijk himself had a chance two minutes later, heading Adam Hughes' right-wing cross beyond the left-hand post, and Adelaide's early pressure bore fruit in the ninth minute. A rather soft free kick was awarded to the visitors some 25 yards from the Sydney goal, and van Dijk's dipping free kick deflected off a Sydney head, to sneak past Reddy at his far post.

Carle was clearly going to be Sydney's go-to man in the search for an equaliser, and he twisted past two defenders in the eleventh minute, only to slice a left-footed shot agonisingly wide. Then it was Adelaide's turn again, van Dijk flicking the ball on nicely for the swift Matthew Leckie to run onto the ball, and force a fine diving save from Reddy.

Reddy was to come to his side's rescue again in the 19th minute. Following a half-chance for Mark Bridge, Leckie sent in a dangerous right-footed cross from the left, and Hughes ghosted into the box to power a diving header at goal. Reddy, leaping to his left, saved superbly.

The game was featureless for a long time, with Adelaide dealing comfortably with Sydney's occasional forward ventures and not taking any major risks themselves. On 36 minutes, however, Sydney conceded again, to a textbook counterattack.



A brace by Serge Van Dijk inspired Adelaide United to a tremendous 3-1 win away at SFC. PHOTO: GEOFF JONES

Following a blunted Sydney move, Adelaide captain Paul Reid received the ball in midfield; as Leckie motored forward on the right, Reid placed a deft pass in the young winger's direction, and this time Reddy was helpless in the face of Leckie's fizzing cross-shot. The remaining minutes of the half passed uneventfully away.

Sydney captain-for-the-night Stuart Musialik was forced off at half-time with a recurrent injury, allowing Hirofumi Moriyasu to enter the midfield fray and young Seb Ryall to be given the honour of the captain's armband. The momentum of the game did not change, however. Reid almost ran through to score just after the restart, eventually being tackled by Shannon Cole, and although Danning and Carle both made chances for themselves shortly afterwards, it was Adelaide who scored again on 53

minutes.

Following a disallowed goal from a Reid free kick, the irrepressible Leckie was played in on the right once more; another firm cross-shot, and this time Reddy was able to parry the ball in the direction of van Dijk. With two defenders around him, the big Dutchman was somehow allowed to find space for a shot on the turn, which was in the back of the net before Sydney knew anything about it.

Sydney belatedly began to pour forward, and they created a number of half-chances as the hour mark approached. The best of these fell to Carle, who was becoming increasingly prominent in midfield, but his left-footed drive was saved by Eugene Galekovic.

On 58 minutes, the hosts pulled a goal back. Sung-Hwan Byun's free kick from

deep on the right was met by Stephan Keller's angled header, and the burly Swiss defender notched his first goal of the season. Keller almost made it two in two minutes from Byun's corner, but this time Galekovic held on to the header.

Adelaide re-established control soon after the hour, playing intelligent possession football and keeping Sydney's chances to an absolute minimum. Indeed, it was the visitors who came closest to adding to the scoreline, when Cassio's fine left-wing cross reached van Dijk; the Dutchman was denied his hat-trick by another smart save from Reddy.

It hardly mattered. Adelaide strode into top spot on the ladder, leaving Sydney to ponder how they are to kick-start their 2010/11 season.



The champs are left still searching for their first win of the season and firmly entrenched in last place in the Hyundai HAL standings PHOTO: GEOFF JONES



Adelaide coaching duo Rini Coolen and Phil Stubbins embrace after the final whistle. PHOTO: GEOFF JONES



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# Heart Beats Fury; Fury Wins Hearts

By Ian Syson

Melbourne Heart broke through for its inaugural win, against an impressive North Queensland Fury at AAMI Park on Saturday.

In possibly its worst performance so far, Heart hung on to a one-goal lead for more than 80 minutes of sometimes flat, but occasionally spectacular football. In the end Nicholas Kalmar's 11th minute header was enough to give Heart its first 3-point haul.

Fury coach Frans Straka, the man with the jacket (that he wasn't wearing) will not be happy with the result – though he should be pleased with his players' endeavour. His team held the statistical upper hand and also demonstrated more flair, effort and excitement than their hosts – only to be denied by some inept finishing by their strikers and the excellent keeping of Clint Bolton.

The game hit the ground running, with Fury's Isaka Cernack working in from the left wing and forcing a good save from Bolton after just 20 seconds. And Heart struggled to get into the game for the first 10 minutes, leaving the Fury alone to impress.

Simon Storey, with more licence to be creative down the right flank than given at Victory, was threatening early, recalling his days as an overlapping full back with South Melbourne in the NSL. Eugene Ssepuya, always strong and aggressive, broke through for a one on one with Bolton only to sidefoot diagonally to a phantom runner when a shot was the correct option.

As is so often the way, the deadlock was broken by the awakening of the sleeping team. Following some good pressure resulting in successive corners (needlessly put behind by Storey), an unmarked Kalmar latched onto a good cross from Worm and drilled the ball into the back of the net.

Heart could well have been 2-0 up a minute later when Matthew Thompson volleyed an Alex Terra cross. Justin Pasfield saved well for a corner.

The remainder of the half belonged to the Fury; yet all their labours signified nothing. Cernack missed an open goal from outside the area following a Bolton save and Mark Hughes had a goal-bound header deflected by Simon Colosimo just before the break.

It had been a curious half that might



Heart get the blood pumping after Nick Kalmar's goal. PHOTO:ANITA MILAS

just have easily seen a barrage of goals to match the mini-monsoon that had drenched the players and the stadium. It was a half that demonstrated the best and the worst of the A League in about equal measure – though it was thankfully free from the kind of spite that has been and will no doubt be shown in many other games at the 'Bubbledome'.

While the players came out to a drier second period, the quality of the game did not improve. The game fired to life from time to time with a procession of good opportunities being generated by both teams. Yet a lack of ruthlessness in finishing, especially in the face of excellent games by both keepers, saw no further addition to the score.

John Aloisi was subbed on in the 71st minute for his first appearance in a Heart shirt. He made little impact apart from an added-time attempt on goal, an early stab with the outside of his left foot that drew an impressive save and intimidated the real quality that he still possesses.

In the end the players get full marks for effort, part marks for vision and unfortunately a bare pass for execution. Too many dumb choices were made by players who should know better and who are probably coached better than their performances would suggest.

Yet like the rainbow that hung over the eastern stand during the ominously dark first half, there was a bright side to this game. Heart's Alex Terra showed enough

to suggest that he is going to tear the League apart when his team settles; Kalmar's abilities show that there is life and quality behind the A League and coaches need to be urged to have a closer look at the state leagues for emerging players; Rutger Worm is indeed turning into a player who can create the killer cross or through ball.

And North Queensland have demonstrated how it is possible to play this game with passion and, yes, Fury. Seppuya, Cernack and even the rejuvenated Storey all have their parts to play in Jacketman's most unlikely excitement machine.

The Fury left Melbourne with an unlucky loss to Heart. It's small reward I guess, but they won a few hearts as well.




Match winner Nick Kalmar and John Aloisi. PHOTO:ANITA MILAS




Nick Kalmar heads for goal and the history books. PHOTO:ANITA MILAS





NEWCASTLE JETS

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BRISBANE ROAR

0

Newcastle Jets 0  
Brisbane Roar 0  
EnergyAustralia Stadium, Newcastle  
Referee: Kris Griffiths-Jones

Newcastle Jets squad: 1. Ben KENNEDY (gk), 3. Adam D'APUZZO, 4. Nikolai TOPOR-STANLEY, 5. Ljubo MILICEVIC 6. Ben KANTAROVSKI (19. Ali ABBAS 68') 7. Kasey WEHRMAN 8. Michael BRIDGES (c), 10. Ruben ZADKOVICH, 11. Tarek ELRICH, 16. Jeremy BROCKIE (13. Sasho PETROVSKI 82'), 18. Marko JESIC (9. Zhang SHOU 68')

Substitutes not used: 40. Matthew NASH (gk)

Yellow cards: Ruben ZADKOVICH (30', 81'), Tarek ELRICH (45'), Kasey WEHRMAN (75')

Red cards: Ruben ZADKOVICH (81')

Brisbane Roar squad: 1. Michael THEOKLITOS (gk), 2. Matt SMITH, 3. Luke DEVERE, 4. Shane STEFANUTTO, 6. Erik PAARTALU, 7. Kosta BARBAROUSES (9. Jean Carlos SOLORZANO 76'), 10. HENRIQUE (17. Mitch NICHOLS 84'), 11. REINALDO (8. Massimo MURDOCCA 69'), 15. Matt McKAY (c), 22. Thomas BROICH, 23. Milan SUSAK

Substitutes not used: 20. Andrew REDMAYNE (gk)

Yellow cards: Erik PAARTALU (21'), Jean Carlos SOLORZANO (86')

Red cards: Nil

# Jets and Roar even the ledger

By Elizabeth Forden

The Newcastle Jets were looking to put a week of financial controversy behind them on Sunday, but were ultimately left frustrated with a 0-0 all draw against Brisbane Roar.

The team, who were bailed out by the FFA early this week in order to play at Energy Australia Stadium, Newcastle, failed to give their home crowd a much needed win in their fourth round as the team owner Con Constantine watched from the sideline.

Roar who remain unbeaten, looked unsure and disinterested compared to the Jets who looked a bit more energetic after a two week break.

Both Brisbane and Newcastle played a fairly average first half.

Strong winds potentially caused both sides some grief with both losing possession of the ball on a number of occasions.

Jets Captain, Michael Bridges had a good game with some good shots on target. He looked set to score in the 8th minute but failed to deliver the goods when Roar Keeper Michael Theoklitos managed to tip the ball out at the near post.

Roar looked dangerous when they managed to get near goals but were only frustrated as the Jets seemed to get lucky with defence.

The 34th minute saw a goal opportunity open up for Roar when Brisbane striker Henrique attempted to play the ball back to Milan Susak who was in a prime spot in the six yard box.

The determined Jets defence proved too good however, when Kasey Wherman managed to get in



Jets captain Michael Bridges and Roar's Luke Devere. PHOTO: JOHN TURTON



Jets get ready to bring on substitute Roger Ramjet.

PHOTO: JOHN TURTON

the mix and head the ball straight into Newcastle keeper Ben Kennedy's hands.

Newcastle held onto possession throughout most of the half but struggled to make the most of opportunities in goals.

The first half ended in disappointment with neither team managing to score.

The game looked set to continue in the same way at the beginning of the second half with similar tactics from both sides.

Brisbane striker Reinaldo almost managed a goal in the 52nd minute but the ball was knocked out by an unlucky collision with the cross bar.

It wasn't until the 68th minute when both sides made changes that the game seemed to pick up any pace.

Branko Culina swapped Ben Kantarovski and Marko Jesic for forward Ali Abbas and debut player Zhang Shou while Roar coach Ange Postecoglou replaced Reinaldo with Massimo Murdocca.

Chinese import Shuo, who has only recently been cleared from a hamstring injury, created plenty of

excitement for the crowd after he made numerous attempts to push the ball forward into goals.

Shuo and Bridges showed a glimpse of what fans can expect when the two players work together.

The pair managed to set up what could have been a great goal when Shuo put a solid cross over to Tarek Elrich. He wasn't quite quick enough though, just missing the ball as it rolled over the line near the outside post.

Brisbane and Newcastle both turned it up a notch and began to really push for a goal in the final twenty minutes of the half keeping the crowd of 7066 on the edge of their seats.

Neither team seemed to be able to get past the others defence though causing even more frustration.

Abbas proved his worth again after a shot at goals from the 15 yard mark forcing Theoklitos to make a low diving save to the left in the 79th minute.

The Jets were thrown into further turmoil when Ruben Zadkovich was awarded his second yellow for the game after the referee booked him for a late lunge against

Brisbane's Luke Devere.

With Zadkovich off the field Newcastle were left with ten men but persevered with their defence still proving to be too much for Roar.

While the Jets were strong defensively they will need to capitalise on players like Shuo to strengthen their attacking side.

Postecoglou commended the Jets for their spirit during the game "We kind knew that they would be desperate today, obviously with their troubles off the field," he said.


"But credit to them, from outside it looks like they have real strong team spirit in their side and when things like that happen off the field it makes them even more desperate."

Branko Culina had assured both the fans and the media that the players would be able to leave their troubles off the field on Sunday, and although they finished up with another draw, they were still able to put forth a professional side.

The Jets are hoping that some of their financial trouble will be sorted out over the coming week before they go head to head with Adelaide United this Saturday.




CC MARINERS



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MELBOURNE VICTORY



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Match Details

Central Coast Mariners 2 (Griffiths 21', McBreen 50')  
Melbourne Victory 0

Central Coast Mariners: 20. Mathew RYAN (gk), 2. Daniel MCBREEN (9. Nik MRDJA 85'), 3. Joshua ROSE, 4. Pedj BOJIC, 6. Patrick ZWAANSWIJK, 7. John HUTCHINSON, 8. Rostyn GRIFFITHS, 11. Oliver BOZANIC, 14. Michael MCGLINCHEY, 18. Alex WILKINSON (c), 19. Matt SIMON (5. Brad PORTER 89').

Subs not Used: 30. Paul HENDERSON (gk), 23. Adam KWASNIK.

Yellow Cards: McBreen 24', Hutchinson 29', Griffiths 59', Rose 63', Ryan 74'  
Red Cards: None

Melbourne Victory: 1.Michael PETKOVIC (gk), 2.Kevin MUSCAT (c), 3. Mate DUGANDZIC, 5. Surat SUKHA, 6. Leigh BROXHAM (14. Billy CELESKI 54'), 8.Grant BREBNER, 12.Rodrigo VARGAS, 15.Tom PONDELJAK, (9. RICARDINHO 54'), 16. Carlos HERNANDEZ, 21. Robbie KRUSE, 23.Adrian LEIJER.

Subs not Used: 20.Sebastian MATTEI (gk), 13.Diogo FERREIRA

Yellow Cards: Vargas 38', Leijer 55', Kruse 88'  
Red Cards: None

Referee: Chris BEATH  
Crowd: 6,829 at Bluetongue Stadium, Gosford.

# Mariners head past Victory

By Adrian Deans

**When Patricio Perez came to Australia he may have been looking forward to seeing some kangaroos. He would not have expected to be judged by them.**

In a court of law, an accused is considered innocent until proven guilty. There are rules of evidence and procedure, and avenues of appeal to help ensure that the innocent should never suffer unjustly from state-sanctioned retribution.

But the FFA's Match Review Panel is not a court of law. The accused has no right of appearance and no right of appeal. If there are rules of evidence they were written in Swahili by a Zen Buddhist on LCD and are kept locked in a safe within a secret chamber in the deepest dungeon of a non-existent castle in the middle of the Twilight Zone.

Ironically, it was the FIFA Fair Play Day, but the question for Mariners fans was: where's the justice? Or more specifically, where's Perez? The fans had seen 25 minutes of brilliance on the telly, and now they wanted to see him in the flesh.

But the full majesty of the FFA's justice had decreed that Perez wasn't playing. Add to that the fact that the NRL is getting towards its pointy end, and the rain that nearly always falls when the Mariners are at home, 6829 fans was a fair result.

Those that turned up saw a strong defensive performance from the counter-attacking Mariners. In particular, Rostyn Griffiths and Patrick Zwaanswijk were immense in central defence. Wilkinson also played strongly and with Bojic and (occasionally) Rose getting forward quickly to support the attack, the Mariners had plenty of options without quite looking like they had the tools to prise open the Victory.

The Mariners' defensive shape was outstanding, and when Melbourne (enjoying long periods in apparent control) did press into the final third, the Mariners constantly sent two against one to win possession. I lost count of the times that Zwaanswijk dove in as second defender to defuse the Victory build up, and I sincerely doubt whether Matt Ryan in the Mariners goal had to make a save. The hardest task he was given all night was to dive away from his goal to take a dangerous cross in the 21st minute.

For all that, the Mariners started slowly. Melbourne had all the early possession and it was almost against the run of play when the Mariners won a free kick about



Daniel McBreen puts the icing on the cake much to the appreciation of John Hutchinson and Michael McGlinchey  
PHOTO: KAREN DOUGLAS

35 metres out on the left. McGlinchey's free kick was perfectly flighted towards the far post at a speed and trajectory that prevented Petkovic from getting close. Griffiths rose unchallenged and could hardly miss from six yards.

After that, the Mariners were much more comfortable and started to find some outlets up the park. McBreen and Bozanic started to get some possession and Bojic

began getting forward more regularly. In the 35th minute he left Broxham standing with glorious sleight of foot but then hit his cross straight down Petkovic's throat.

The Mariners fans had grown in confidence by halftime but were still nervous. "It's a brittle lead," said Cam from Avoca Beach, nibbling at his finger nails. "I'd kill for another goal."

He didn't need to kill. Five minutes after half time Matt Simon played a neat one-two and whipped over another cross in exactly the wrong spot for Petkovic. McBreen just managed to nip in ahead of Kevin Muscat and beat the keeper at his near post with a diving header. McBreen's celebration (running along the goal line with the ball up his shirt before letting it drop out) seemed a tad eccentric until he explained afterwards that his partner was giving birth that evening – so, fair enough.

The Victory still had forty minutes to get back into the match, but by this time Zwaanswijk, Wilkinson and Griffiths had found their comfort zone. Kruse and Dugandzic huffed and puffed outside the final third but never got in behind. The closest they got was when Hernandez found Ricardinho with a sublime ball in front of goal, but the Brazilian was unable to keep his header down.

McBreen and Simon exited late to standing ovations and despite the slightly untidy performance in attack, Mariners fans will start to feel confident that their team can actually do something in this competition.

Especially if Perez is ever allowed to play.


**3 points – Patrick Zwaanswijk  
2 points – Rostyn Griffiths  
1 point – Pedj Bojic**

*Adrian Deans is the author of Mr Clean-sheets – published by Vulgar Press, distributed by Dennis Jones and Associates and available in all good book stores.*




Goalmouth action at Bluetongue Stadium. PHOTO: KAREN DOUGLAS





PERTH GLORY

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WELLINGTON PHOENIX

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Perth Glory: JOVSKI 5', FOWLER 61')

Wellington Phoenix: (SIGMUND 72')

Sunday, 5 September 2010

nib Stadium, Perth

Referee: Ben Williams

Crowd: 10,844

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Perth Glory: 1. Tando VELAPHI, 3. Jamie COYNE, 5. Jamie HARNWELL (4. Andy TODD 86'), 7. Jacob BURNS (C), 9. Robbie FOWLER (22. Anthony SKORICH 75'), 12. Scott NEVILLE, 14. Steven McGARRY, 16. Adriano PEL-LEGRINO (11. Branko JELIC 88'), 17. Todd HOWARTH, 19. Naum SEKULO-VSKI, 21. Mile STERJOVSKI

Substitutes not used: 20. Aleks VRTESKI,

Yellow Cards: Sterjovski 25'

Red cards: Nil

Wellington Phoenix:1. Mark PAS-TON (gk), 3. Tony LOCHHEAD, 6. Tim BROWN (14. Mirjan PAVLOVIC 45'), 8. Paul IFILL, 9. Chris GREENACRE, 11. DANIEL (7. Leo BERTOS 67'), 13. Troy HEARFIELD, 17. Vince LIA, 18. Ben SIGMUND, 22. Andrew DU-RANTE (c), 23. Dylan MACALLISTER (4. Nick WARD 45')

Substitutes not used: 19. Danny VUKOVIC (gk)

Scorers:

Yellow Cards: Daniel 44', Sigmund 79', Hearfield 80'

# Glory days continue in the West

By Steve Nelkovski

A goal apiece from strike duo Mile Sterjovski and Robbie Fowler steered Perth Glory to a deserved 2-1 victory over Wellington Phoenix at nib Stadium on Sunday afternoon, a result that moves Dave Mitchell's men back to the top of the A-League ladder alongside Adelaide United.

Mitchell opted to make two changes from the side that drew at Melbourne Heart last time out, Jamie Harnwell and Sterjovski returning at the expense of Josh Mitchell and Branko Jelic respectively, with Andy Todd making a welcome first appearance of the campaign on the bench.

"We made it hard for ourselves because we created enough chances but didn't capitalise on them.

"Credit to Wellington, they through everyone up front and got an equaliser from a corner which made it a tight finish," Glory coach Dave Mitchell said.

As so often this season, Glory were swiftly into their stride and within five minutes found themselves a goal to the good. Steve McGarry showed great tenacity to regain possession on the edge of his own box before picking out Robbie Fowler on the half-way line. The former Liverpool legend promptly brought his touch of class to bear, lofting a sublime, defence-splitting pass into the path of the onrushing Todd Howarth who calmly drew Phoenix goalkeeper Mark Paston before squaring unselfishly for Mile Sterjovski to round off a superb 90 metre move by side-footing home from just inside the box.

Moments later Glory thought that they had doubled their advantage, only for Naum Sekulovski's effort to be ruled out for off-side and at that stage the home side were threatening to run away with it.

To their credit, however, the visitors steadied the ship and gradually gained a foothold in the game. Daniel and Paul Ifill began to ask some questions of Glory's back four and it was the Brazilian who called Tando Velaphi into action for the first time on 17 minutes, forcing the home goalkeeper to fist his low cross away before Ifill saw his follow-up blocked close to the goal-line by the perfectly-positioned Sekulovski.

While Ricki Herbert's men were arguably retaining the ball better, it was Glory who continued to look the more dangerous going forward, with Sterjovski clearly relishing his advanced role alongside Fowler and Howarth menacing to great effect down the left flank. The visitors' high-defensive line had initially worked well, catching Glory's frontmen off-side on several



Action from Perth's 2-1 win over Phoenix. PHOTO: PETER SIMCOX

occasions, but it began to break down as half-time approached and the hosts came agonisingly close to doubling their advantage three times in the space of two minutes. Firstly Fowler miscued after fine approach work from Sterjovski, then Jacob Burns forced a fine one-handed save from Paston after Phoenix failed to clear their lines and finally Sekulovski glanced a header wide having got in front of his marker to meet a teasing cross from Adriano Pellegrino.

Half-time  
Perth Glory 1-0 Wellington Phoenix

Herbert went to his bench at the start of the second-half, throwing Mirjan Pavlovic and former Glory man Nick Ward into the fray and switching to a 4-3-3 formation, but it was Glory who continued to look more dangerous and Phoenix were grateful that the ubiquitous Daniel was on hand to head a Sterjovski corner off the line on 54

minutes.

Great interplay between Sterjovski and Fowler then created another fine chance for the home side on the hour-mark, with Sekulovski firing just over from the edge of the box, but Wellington's latest reprieve was to last less than a minute. Once again the effervescent Sterjovski was the architect, floating an inch-perfect cross into the box which Fowler headed powerfully past the helpless Paston.

As they had at times in the first-half, the visitors looked all bout out of the contest, but to their credit they continued to battle away and grabbed a lifeline on 72 minutes as Ifill's corner evaded Velaphi and defender Ben Sigmund gleefully headed into the roof of the net.

Dave Mitchell's response was to introduce Anthony Skorich in place of Fowler and the young striker almost added a third for Glory with is first touch. Again McGarry's persistence

earned possession for Glory in mid-field and allowed Sterjovski to split the Phoenix defence with a through ball, but Paston stood up well as Skorich raced in on goal and managed to tip his shot wide.

The chances kept flowing thick and fast at both ends, with Paston producing another superb save to deny Howarth on 79 minutes after Pellegrino's slaloming run had teed up his fellow midfielder, before Velaphi matched his Kiwi counterpart with a smart low block to keep out Chris Greenacre's close range effort.

The home fans may have been anticipating a nerve-jangling end to the game, but in fact Glory showed great resolve to comfortably see out the final moments and indeed almost added a third as Howarth came close to grabbing the goal that his fine performance deserved.

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# Middle Park: At the centre of Victorian football, 1880s to 1994

When Melbourne gained the rights to hold the Australian Formula One Grand Prix at Albert Park in 1996 one of consequences was that South Melbourne Hellas and football lost its historic ground at Middle Park and gained the Lakeside (later the Bob Jane) Stadium on Lake Oval, the old South Melbourne cricket ground.

So ended a tradition stretching back to the 1880s when the game was known as British Association football to distinguish it from the home-grown variety. The South Melbourne cricket ground was the venue for one of the two interstate matches with New South Wales played in 1883, but the round ball game quickly established itself at Middle Park during that decade. The Middle Park hotel was the meeting place for players and sometimes several matches would be played opposite the hotel on an afternoon.

When the game revived in the years before the First World War, Middle Park was the central venue for league games. On 26 September 1908, for example, three games kicked off at 3 pm, St Kilda v Albert Park, Carlton United v Fitzroy and Prahran v South Melbourne. Middle Park was also the venue for the well-attended 'international' matches between Scotland and England. These were games between Australian players of the relevant heritage not games between touring teams from the United Kingdom. While club football seems to have been hard hit by the depression of the 1890s, Scotland and England met at Middle Park on 1 September 1894. In September 1908 Scotland beat England three-nil, but the following year the English got their revenge by three goals to two. There were matches against visiting teams, too, as when the steam ship Persic and the navy's HMS Powerful arrived in 1908. Powerful was the flagship of the Royal Navy squadron on the Australian station from 1905. Dockerty Cup matches were also played at the ground.

So Middle Park was firmly established as the main football venue in Victoria when the First World War brought about an interruption that lasted till 1919.

On 2 August 1919, Windsor beat Albert Park two-one, Northumberland and Durhams (N and D) accounted for Spotswood by the same score, Footscray Thistle outclassed St David's by five-nil and Melbourne Thistle drew with Preston in league games. Estimates of attendances at games are notoriously rubbery, but it is reported that some thousands attended Dockerty Cup games, and, according to the Argus, an unspecified record crowd watched the matches on 3 July 1920 with the highlight being that between N and D and Melbourne Thistle, effectively another 'England v Scotland' game.

For many years the pitches were not enclosed and Ted Smith remembers playing on one that ran parallel to the Albert Park lake into which one of the players had to wade to retrieve the ball. A bicycle track was built with a pitch in the centre in the 1950s, then came change rooms and perimeter fencing. A new stadium was constructed in 1959 with a capacity of 18,000 including the grandstand, which held 2,000, close to the railway station. There were later extensions to include offices, a café and terracing. The stadium was demolished in 1994.

Competition from other venues be-



Takis Mantarakis clears from Schumacher (left) and Veroslav Mladenovic of JUST while Bill Kourkolakos of Hellas takes evasive action at Middle Park in 1962. Photo: Uwe Kuessner, Soccer Weekly front page, 14 June 1962.



Billy McIntyre of Croatia and Jimmy Mackay of Hellas in action at Middle Park.

Photo: Laurie Schwab collection. Deakin University Library

came greater as time passed, with the Melbourne Showgrounds, Olympic Park and even the Melbourne Cricket Ground accommodating major games, but Middle Park continued to be significant for the Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association and its successor, the Victorian Soccer Federation, in the post-Second World War years. Park Rangers and South Melbourne United had their home at Middle Park in the 1940s. Both clubs later merged, Park Rangers with Moreland in 1985, while South Melbourne United joined another combined club—South Melbourne Hellas. Hellas began as the product of a merger between Hellenic and Yarra Park in 1959. The Hakoah club, founded in 1924, became a tenant at Middle Park. Later it played at Olympic Park. By 1956 Hakoah was back at Middle Park and merged with St Kilda in 1972 and then in 1982 joined with South Melbourne United as the Victorian arm of South Melbourne Hellas which was playing in the National Soccer League in 1982. Other clubs used the stadium for brief periods. In 1960 Waterside Workers Federation shared the Park Rangers ground at Middle Park.

Victorian Premier League finals were played at Middle Park until 11 September 1994, when Preston Lions beat Port Melbourne Sharks by three goals to one. Gerry McAleer and Chris Sterjovski with two goals gave Preston a winning lead and Peter Tsolakis converted a late penalty for the Sharks. Nineteen-year-old Sterjovski won the Jimmy Rooney medal for the player of the grand final. At half-time another teenager, Josip Skoko, was presented with the ABSW player of the year award, completing an excellent day for youth.

National League football matches were also played at Middle Park until its demise and many of the local derbies involving Hellas, Melbourne Croatia (later the Knights), Heidelberg Alexander, JUST and Juventus drew five-figure crowds over the years. On 15 June 1977, there were between 12,500 and 15,000 when Hellas with Malcolm MacDonald, superstar with Newcastle United and Arsenal, took on St George Budapest from Sydney which had Derby County's Charlie George, who also played with Arsenal. On 23 October 1994 Hellas played the last game at Middle Park, thrashing Heidelberg United Alexander by four goals to one. There were 11,926 fans there to see them do so, with two goals by Ivan Kelic, and one each to Constantinos Boutsianis and Francis Awaratife. Peter Tsolakis's penalty was once again the consolation goal for his team.

## Squads for the final game at Middle Park

**South Melbourne:** Steve Mautone, Mehmet Durakovic, Kevin Muscat, Paul Wade, Michael Valkanis, Gary Hasler, Jason Polak, Micky Petersen, George Goutzioulis, Con Boutsianis, Francis Awaratife, Ivan Kelic, Paul Trimboli.

**Heideleberg United :** David Miller, Angelo Koutsos, Alan Scott, Richard Watson, George Georgiadis, Eric Vasiliadis Tom Karapatsos, Peter Tsolakis, Walter Ardone, Alex Kiratzoglou, Damir Gnjdic, Andy Vlahos, Michael Michalakopoulos.





# MACKENZIE AT LARGE

An Occasional Offering from Craig MacKenzie

## Singapore Krncevic's first big hurdle

**EDDIE Krncevic hit the ground running when South Melbourne announced the former Soccerroo as its new senior coach on Friday.**

He immediately called in the full senior squad for a training session on Saturday and outlined his plans for what he calls a "mini pre-season" with an eye on Souths' RHB Singapore Cup quarter-final challenge in early October.

"We're up against a full-time professional side in Bangkok Glass over two legs. It's going to be a difficult assignment but I'm really looking forward to the challenge and I really want to do well in this cup," said Krncevic.

"They (Bangkok Glass) are in the middle of their season so I want to sit down with (assistant) Joe Montemurro and (football director) Ange Dallas and plan a program for September.

"I want to have four or five sessions a week as well as games. I'm looking at around 22 sessions and six games throughout September then a short taper before we go to Singapore.

"I'm going to have a close look at the footage we've got of this tournament and I may even go over to Singapore to watch a game. We'll see."

Krncevic is genuinely excited about returning to club coaching and there's an irony in his appointment as South Melbourne Hellas was the last senior coaching post he held.

"It's great to be back at Hellas. It's fitting in a way. I thought that I did a reasonable job with the players I had when I was here previously but I don't think I finished what I started and now I have that chance.

"It's an exciting place to be right now. There are a lot of new things happening not the least being the new ground."

Krncevic also had a message of hope for youngsters coming through the club's development pathway.

"I think I've shown in the past that I have an eye for young talent and I'm going to have a close look at the youth squad to see if we can identify some players that can push for a place in the senior squad."

Krncevic came within a hair's breadth of making a spectacular return to club coaching at the elite level a few months ago as assistant to Gold Coast United's Miron Bleiberg. That move fell through when club owner and mining magnate Clive Palmer decided to slash costs after losing a reported \$6 million on last season's A-League venture.

Bresciano, Grella, Thomson and Murdoch are just a few of the names that have developed under Krncevic, who moved away from club coaching some years ago and became a successful player-agent.

In recent times he has concentrated on developing the Australian Professional Football Academy and has been helping out as a specialist coach to Michael



Edi Krncevic, seen here with Mark Viduka, was appointed as the new South Melbourne coach during the week. Photo: Steve Starek

Chatzitrifonos at Victorian Premier League club Richmond where Krncevic's son, Jesse, plays.

**Foot in mouth disease**  
**AND what of Vaughan Coveny, the man Krncevic replaced? After interviewing Krncevic on Friday morning I phoned Coveny to get his reaction to the news.**

"I don't know anything about it. I've heard nothing at this stage," said Coveny.

Oops. Where's the nearest large hole I can jump into? It's not the first time my big mouth has got me into embarrassing situations (as Port Melbourne star Tim Paton can verify) but I sincerely hope that it's the last.

Krncevic was due to meet with Dallas at 1pm to sign his contract and to plan the club's Singapore Cup foray. Hellas planned to make the announcement of Krncevic's appointment on Friday afternoon.

Given that the club had conducted a season review with Coveny and had told him that it would be interviewing candidates for the coaching role I assumed that he knew of his fate and phoned him to ask for his reaction.

"I kind of knew it was coming," said Coveny. "I'll talk to you after I've been told what the situation is," he added, graciously.

And when I spoke to Coveny yesterday morning he stayed true to his word and offered these comments:

"I got on the phone pretty much straight after we spoke on Friday. I think it was a bit of a mix-up the way it was handled," he said.

"I'm meeting with the club on Tuesday, probably with the board. I doubt very much that there will be a role for me at

the club now.

"The whole situation hasn't been the greatest but I guess it's never pretty when a coach leaves. Having said that I've been at the club for a long time.

"I'm pretty certain that I want to continue in the system and whether I concentrate on being a senior coach or on a youth development role I really don't know at this stage."

Irrespective of what transpires at tomorrow's meeting the dignified manner in which Coveny has dealt with the events of the past few days says much about him as a person. It also speaks volumes for his emotional attachment to Hellas at which he remains an official club legend after 12 seasons as a player.

From the club's perspective insiders tell me that Coveny received excellent support in his rookie senior coaching season. They claim that it was a matter of who had the best credentials and given Coveny's relative inexperience against that of Krncevic the odds were always in the latter's favour.

**Cannon's coaching conundrum**  
**OAKLEIGH Cannons' search for a head coach continues and the club might even make an announcement later this week.**

Having recently parted company with John Anastasiadis club powerbrokers have interviewed Chris Taylor, Peter Ollerton, Stan Webster and a bloke called Eddie Krncevic.

Well we can safely take Krncevic's name off that list now.

But there's no certainty that Oakleigh will settle on one of the other three interviewees as the club was set to speak to two more candidates last Friday.

It's not too many seasons back that Oakleigh plucked Chatzitrifonos from

coaching obscurity and threw him in at the deep end to great effect.

So don't be too surprised if it rolls the dice once more and settles on someone relatively new to senior coaching ranks. Maybe even someone currently working interstate. Hmmm.

Taylor is an interesting candidate having stepped away from coaching after leaving the Melbourne Knights' post last year and expressing disillusionment with club politics and its impact on senior coaching positions.

The former VPL Coach of the Year has an impressive résumé as do Ollerton and Webster. Taylor can point to current A-League boom youngster Mathew Leckie and Northcote's star striker Trent Rixon as players he has plucked from outside the Premier League for Victorian state team representation. Leckie, the former Bulleen teen, played for the state side against Melbourne Victory in 2009 while Rixon scored on debut for the Vics when they beat Northern NSW that same year. That rep side included Mate Dugandzic, Jack Hingert, Nick Kalmar and Neil Young, all of whom are plying their trade at A-League level.

If Sportsbet was running a book on this coaching race my money would be on the dude from interstate. No further inside info is available at this stage because I'm hoping to clean up on this one. Sorry guys.

**Danger, what danger?**  
**SOME committee members at Langwarrin soccer club are biting their nails and almost shaking at the knees over the terrible prospect of the club confronting promotion.**

Let me allay their fears, on two levels, of creating club history and being in the Alanic Victorian Premier League next

season.

First and foremost it may not happen. There's a clutch game tonight at the Veneto Club between home team Bulleen and fellow promotion candidate St Albans Dinamo.

Even if next weekend's results favour (or damn) Langy to confront the horrible prospect of trying to compete in the VPL next season would it be the end of the world if the peninsula-based club mimicked a yo-yo and ended up back a season later from whence it came?

Here's the rub. Langwarrin operates on a playing budget of roughly \$60,000 each season. Recent history tells you that around \$250,000 is needed to give you a chance of being competitive in the VPL and avoiding relegation. And that's just for the small fry.

No club in the past six seasons of State One football has won promotion on a budget much less than \$100,000.

When they take the jump into Victorian football's elite they scramble for extra money and it's that scramble and the prospect of not raking in enough dosh that terrifies some folk at Langy. But it doesn't terrify the club's coach of the past 12 years, Gus Macleod.

"It's hard for me to say that we can't afford it," said Macleod referring to the message he would pass on to his playing group.

"When we lost four or five defenders this season it put us behind the eight-ball and Jonesy (Chris Jones) getting injured against Fawcner (in the first half of the season) was a huge loss for us.

"Obviously over the past few seasons my brief was to keep us in First Division and I relied on experienced players but what I've noticed is that there are a lot of younger players in our league now."

Macleod made a call some weeks back to include Alex van Heerwaarden and Brendan O'Connell in his starting line-up and the teenage defenders haven't let him down.

They linked up with another teenager at the back, Joe Donaghy, who had been in the side since the start of the season and while van Heerwaarden and O'Connell were proving their mettle Donaghy seemed to grow as a player with the added responsibility of having inexperienced players around him.

That may be a big call but that's the way I see it. But back to the main point. Langy's defence at times earlier this season was old and slow. That's no longer the case and results have flowed.

My message to the Langy faithful is simple. If the worst comes to the worst and you find yourselves in the VPL then simply stick to your budget, maintain the economic discipline that is the envy of so many other clubs and if you parachute back to State One the following season you'll have enjoyed one hell of a ride.

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# BOO'S WORLD

With Mark Boric



Well the coaching merry-go-round is in full swing, and it is good to see my fellow columnist Edi Krncevic back in the game as the new coach of South Melbourne. Katsa was up for the Oakleigh job I heard, but it looks likely that Arthur Pappas will get the nod.

In the A-League both Grand Finalists from last season are struggling. Wingers as strikers aren't really getting Melbourne any victories, and never have Victory's goalkeeping stocks been so low. Up north Sydney FC have found that bringing in marquee signing Nick Carle doesn't exactly go far in covering the departure of your team's whole spine. Having him duck under the ball to protect his hair when standing in the wall and then watching the free-kick fly into the net just about sums that situation up.

Melbourne Heart broke the curse of AAMI Park, notching their first ever win against the North Queensland Fury. Two goals in as many weeks for Nick Kalmar, showing the VPL should not be overlooked when

it comes to recruiting players in the HAL. Either should State League Division One, as Matthew Leckie continues to flourish at Adelaide United.

The Socceroos had their first run out under Holger Osieck with a 0-0 draw in Switzerland. Looked better going forward but still pretty dodgy at the back. Scott McDonald still couldn't buy a goal for his country if they were giving them away with Happy Meals.

The drought has broken, and results vault has been inundated with postponed matches. Hopefully the decent rainfall this winter, and easing of water restrictions for this summer, will see many pitches in their best condition for many a year come next season.

Tonight is Gold Medal Night, and this year it seems the rules have been changed so that players who pick up a suspension for accumulating five yellow cards are ineligible to win the Gold Medal. Traditionally it was just those sent-off in a game during the season that were eliminated from winning to satisfy the fairest element

of the League's Best and Fairest Award. This is a very strange move, and is only likely to lead to more instances where a player who tops the vote count is disqualified, which most would agree generally cheapens the award.

The State League Division One final round blockbuster remains on course, with Langwarrin beating North Dandenong and Pascoe Vale getting up at Malvern City to leave seven live promotion contenders going into Round 22 next Saturday.

Podcasts about Victorian football can now be found at [www.kicktalk.co.uk](http://www.kicktalk.co.uk) and then clicking on the Australian Soccer button. Stan Webster and Frank McGrellis host the weekly show, which has featured interviews with Paul Harris, Vaughan Coveny, Hammy McMeechan, Peter "Gus" Tsolakis, Michael Chatzitrifonos and Andy Vargas. Like Goal! Weekly it gives vital coverage and exposure for local football, and should be supported. The show goes to air at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesdays.



Unfortunately for the Sky Blues Nick Carle had a bad hair day.  
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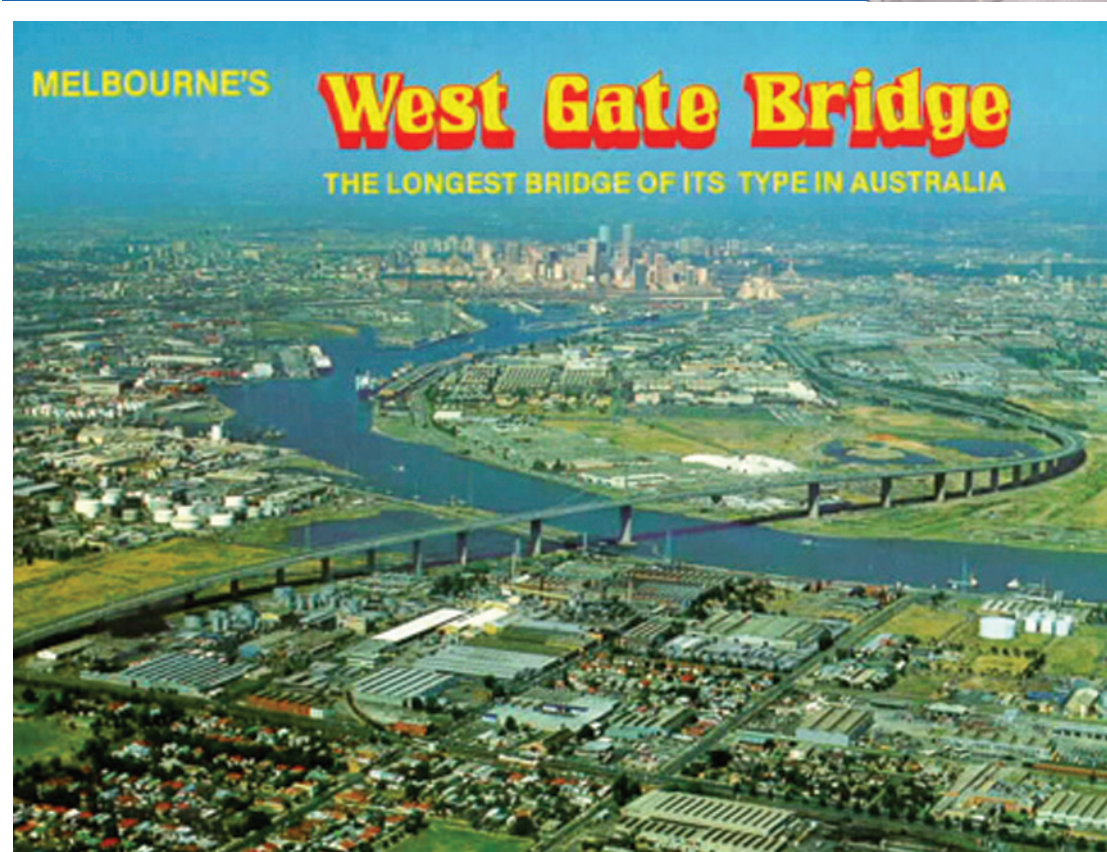
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# TSIGAN'S TSIGAR

With Mike Lilikakis

Tsigan Rolls One Up  
from the South Coast!

## BEHEMOTH

Sooo Gooood....greetings again from the land of The Tsig.

Thank you to all the plebs and academics who have been writing in, and asking for a slight differentiation on Tsigish articles. There is a forum in case you were wondering, but quite frankly, you must understand that I am currently undermining 14 governments and causing absolute mayhem, chaos and bedlam all over the world. Laugh all you want, I'll laugh back atcha....and ur mudder.

This week we've had some angry, desperate people, get violent and hurl unsubstantiated abuse at the Tsig about his personal views on birth control, same sex marriage, and the age old creation vs evolution theorem. Miss 'A. F of Freemond Waterhole was most ad verbera. Here is a picture of Miss 'A.F.'



...and here is her extract...

@ TSIGAN...if that even is your real name.

Wow. Just wow. I thought ur sort of immature ignorance only occured in anonymity on Youtube or Yahoo Answers (Y!A has an AWESOME religion and spirituality section, by the way, folks. I frequent there.)

But here, where people know...your name? Where you have a reputation?

You must be a desperate, desperate troll. I doubt you're even a real Christian. No, perhaps you are a poser. I consider those who pretend to be a fundamentalist to bad-mouth them as even more trouble than the fundamentalists themselves.

You're "sticks and stones" mentality doesn't fool me one bit. Nor does your laissez faire reaction cause me any frustration.

It just makes you look like the class clown. Which is probably what you want. Everyone laughing at you, thinking you have a great sense of humor. But deep down you know everyone thinks you're just annoying, and that your "jokes" are sad, 2-dimensional and prone to falling flat.

True, people will have differing scales of morality. I am a HIGHLY moral person, however, my morals differ GREATLY to yours. Your morals are biblically based. Mine are socially based. So, even though

we may offer you a whole host of socially appropriate moral standards- they probably won't match your biblical standards, just as social standards find the biblical standards to be grossly impinging on what we percieve to be fundamental human rights. And thats OK. Its ok for humans to be different. Its NOT ok for humans to try and force others to live according to their own personal standards. I'll pull it back to the same-sex marriage issue, because I am an avid gay-rights activist. I understand that you, personally, due to your religion- feel that same-sex marriage and/or relations are immoral/wrong. I understand that you percieve that our positivity over this is sad, misguided and will lead us down a path of destruction. I, personally, believe that if God exists, he is a kind and benevolent being- well, thats only one of billions of possibilities."

How can I possibly reBUTT such an honest response to my stupidity?

Ah well...possibly with this;

and now for another picture of Miss A.F...



Yes plebs, she is an intellectual, and she has feelings....and no, that wasn't me underneath her, I was actually taking the photo. pffff.

Yes, I do truly value everyones warped opinions on here. Truly-Rooly. I know that I have let down quite a few bedknobs and broomsticks down over the



millenia, even as they have asked me to be a little more intellectual, and allow the stewing process to get fomented. But here's the rub. You must realise that there is a distinct difference between one's PERSONALITY, and one's CHARACTER. Thus begins the next Baldrick.

## FARZHER

Here is Austin Power's Farzher...



Isn't that where all father's really want to be?

Sure, we take a lot for granted. Great wives....awesome kids....but I'm not talking about the 2%....I mean the ones who have to fork out 60% of their wage to support the POUTANA who MINXED their life, EMASCULATED their soul and shafted the family so she could run off with some MOUNOPANO who at one stage was your mate, and....AHM

Anyway, watching your child grow up is grouse. Even if it's only on weekends, quarterly or behind bars.

## PO PO PORN

Political dipsticks in NSW (and believe me they are a dime a dozen) will soon be ABLE to check out internet porn sites. But dig this! ONLY if it is "research, and they have asked first". BUAHA-HAHAHA! Get a job in poitics! I mean, seriously! Pay a pollie \$350,000 a year, to "research" porn. AH KUMMON! At the moment, NO-ONE in NSW Parliament knows how 'sources' get 'leaked', so they are gunna resort to a "hey man, look, everyone does it, but it's wrong to do it during office hours" approach. Face it plebs. You ant a party start it right and quickly, and DON'T VOTE NEXT TIME! Do you not realise what would happen in this country if 50% of the populace REFUSED to VOTE? Of course not, ur all idiots, and monkeys. Well, what else should I say apart from, u wanna do something, do it urself. Thanks for the tip Vladimir.

## THE GIST

It's important to know the difference between the two. Especially during times of war and when you're dating. Personality traits are individual, subjective, and vary widely.

Character traits are objective, constant, and timeless. Character traits include honesty, trust, respect,

responsibility, leadership, loyalty and courage. One's character can be objectively judged. Character is defined as right or wrong.

Character, despite its detractors, can be taught. However educators are bypassing the difficulty of teaching character and have gone directly to self-esteem, the reward of strong character. But without character, self-esteem is a hollow, free-floating concept. And while character traits are universal, each individual has the choice to accept or reject them. One of character's best features is that you can mimic them without conviction and the end result is the same. For instance, a coward can recognize he's a coward yet still perform an act of bravery and no one will fault him acting out of character.

Personality is subjective. Personality includes your sense of humor (or lack of), whether you're outgoing or shy, friendly or stoic, your interests, passions, and the list goes on. While some people have well-developed personalities, their character sucks and you eventually avoid them even though "they're a lot of fun." Taking the historical big-picture long view, personality is neither right nor wrong. Some people will like any particular personality and others won't. And while someone's basic personality never changes, it can be improved with exposure to the arts, people, travel, reading, hobbies, and pilgrimages to the holy site of GW HQ in Melbourne.



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## There's only one "Cashley" Cole

It seems like hardly any time at all has passed since England returned home from an unsuccessful World Cup, with their tales hung low between their legs, and yet already the English Premier League is taking a week-end off for more international games. For England, this week-end means the beginning of their attempt at qualifying for the next big tournament, Euro 2012.

On Friday night the Three Lions got off to the best possible start with a convincing victory over a fairly poor Bulgaria side at Wembley. There were no amazingly stand out performances, although quite rightly it was Jermaine Defoe who grabbed the headlines with a hat-trick of goals for his country. Wayne Rooney also received some plaudits, as he hinted at a return to form, and Joe Hart was also spoken quite highly of, as he looked comfortable and confident in his role as England's number one.

Yet there was one man who barely got a mention in any of the tabloids on Saturday morning, who for me was probably the man of the match. And that man was England's ever dependable left back Ashley Cole.

It probably points to Cole's stature in the English game that he can perform to an extremely high standard and yet barely get a mention. And that's because he has been doing just that for both club and country for so many years now. On display at Wembley on Friday was he seemingly limitless energy, his enthusiasm to attack, and his solid defensive skills. It was his forward run into the Bulgaria penalty box which set up England's early goal, and had there been more men in the area on several of his other forays forward then he probably would have had more assists to his name.

It is true to say that Ashley Cole is one of the most controversial figures in English football; a man who sparks great hatred amongst many fans. And there are some criticisms of the talented left back which I have agreed with over the years, yet it is his undoubted quality as a professional footballer which cannot ever be called into question. And for me he is, and has been for the last few years, the best left back in the world.

Ashley Cole began his career at Arsenal as a promising attacking full back. Arsene Wenger, a man who has not been overly enamoured with the



Show Me Da Money: Flash Ash makes a splash for the cash.

English talent over the years, thought highly enough of him that he let both Giovanni Van Bronckhorst and Sylvainho leave as he knew he had a special talent in Cole. He had a successful time at the Gunners, winning two titles and three FA Cups.

Although he had been in the side for a couple of years already, Cole confirmed himself as England's best left back, and one of the best defenders in world football, during the 2004 European Championships, where he completely outplayed a young upstart by the name of Cristiano Ronaldo. He has generally been considered to be in the top echelon of world defenders ever since this game, and at the time he was one of the most popular players in English football.

Unfortunately for Cole, his move to Chelsea, and subsequent defences of this transfer have somewhat lessened his appeal with most fans in English football. His basic reasoning for the move was that Arsenal were not offering him enough in terms of his weekly wage, which was still fairly moderate in comparison with some of the other Arsenal players, and especially compared with what other top players in world football were making. Many felt that a man turning his back on his boyhood club, who had trained him and helped him become the best left back in England, just so he could get more money, was abominable, which subse-

quently evolved into him being given the unwanted and probably unwarranted moniker of "Cashley" Cole.

Cole has always tried to defend his position by saying that he only wanted to be paid what he deserved when compared to others around him, a statement which I actually agree with. Yet for many it is hard to accept someone saying that earning over fifty grand a week isn't enough, especially when many will barely make that in their lifetime, let alone a week.

It also didn't help Cole's case that he was leaving one of the more liked big clubs in England for at that time the most hated. Chelsea, because of the money that they were throwing around, were seen by some as a sort of evil empire, much like Manchester City is starting to look right now. So that fact, combined with his open statements about wanting more money, led to him being somewhat marginalised and outcast when in came to support for the England players.

In the following years Cole has done little to garner more favour, as he often suggests that he doesn't care what some England fans think, which is never a good thing to say, and he has also had problems in his personal life which has led to him being liked even less by the general English population.

And yet, throughout all of his troubles off the field, his move from one big club to another, and his general hatred

from many fans who cheer support for his team mates, Ashley Cole has still performed at a consistently high level. Last year he was Chelsea's Players' Player of the season, and he has also won a man of the match award at an FA Cup final, no mean feat for a left back.

Cole's most obvious quality throughout his career has always been his attacking prowess. Much like Roberto Carlos did for so many years for Real Madrid and Brazil, Cole has been a full back who not only can get forward and provide attacking support, but who actually is an attacking threat in his own right. He has undoubtedly revolutionised the full back position in English football, as full back are now not only seen as being part of a defence, they are also seen as valuable attacking commodities. And it should not be forgotten that Cole provides this attacking threat on a side of the field that England haven't had a good attacking player for the last twenty years.

For both club and country he has provided width, especially when those beyond him could not, and he has helped score and assist numerous goals. He also has Cafu-like amounts of energy, and if you know anything about Cafu then you know what a compliment that is. Cole, as he displayed against Bulgaria for England, can just about run up and down the touchline for the whole game. I'm sure that the ground he covers is far more than almost any other

player on the field.

And, as I have suggested, even though Cole is primarily thought of as an attacking full back, he is also a far more than adequate defender. As he has displayed many times against the like of Ronaldo, Cole can nullify any player coming up against him, whilst still providing an attacking threat. It's interesting to compare him to England's current right full back, Glen Johnson, who is also a threat in attack, and yet is a complete liability when it comes to defending. Cole on the other hand is as good a full back defender as England has ever produced.

Cole is approaching a personal milestone for his country, as he is close to having more caps than any other England left back in history, and if he continues playing at this level for the next few years he will undoubtedly get over 100 caps, a truly great milestone. And yet, because of the hatred, or at least the dislike, that many feel towards him, I doubt these achievements will be celebrated as much as when David Beckham received his hundredth cap for his country. And that is a great shame, because Ashley Cole is undoubtedly much better than Beckham, and for all his efforts on the field deserves to be talked about a lot more highly than he ever does. Despite his questionable off the field activities, including his recent divorce and his much maligned book detailing his defence of moving to Chelsea, Cole has never hinted at stopping playing for England, and has always given his all when pulling on the white shirt of his country.

Over his career Cole has amassed three league titles and six FA Cups, as well as other trophies, and has been a part of the two of the best teams to ever grace the Premiership, including, of course, Arsenal's Invincibles, who will go down in English footballing history. For England he has been one of the few players to perform just as well for his country and he has for his club, and he has always displayed an unwavering passion to play and perform for the Three Lions. Unfortunately I do worry that Cole will always be talked about in relation to his off the field activities. And that is a great shame because he is, as I think he hinted at against Bulgaria, and which he has displayed in full many times for Arsenal, Chelsea and England, one of this country's best ever players. Even if he is a bit of a prat.

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## Van Der Vaart: The Eight Million Pound Bargain?

By Leroy Robinson

£8million doesn't get you much these days, what with inflation and over inflated prices. It does, however, appear that Tottenham Hotspur has managed to buy a premium cut of beef for the price of something on a McDonald's saver menu. Whatever the circumstances of Rafael van der Vaart's transfer from Real Madrid, this has to be one of the best bargains since SAF bought Eric Cantona from Leeds United for a full English breakfast.

Let's put it into perspective people. If you were profligate with your money, £10m could have bought you Carlton Cole of West Ham United and England. The same Carlton Cole who has started 26 games and scored 10 league goals in each of the last 2 seasons. Liverpool was astute enough to refuse to pay West Ham's asking price. The difference is RVDV (I know it sounds like something from Star Wars!) is a seasoned international and has performed at the highest level. Cole isn't and hasn't. Ok, we're not really comparing like for like. But how can we? England doesn't have play-makers in his mould; players that can play more or less across the whole midfield. Players who can score and supply goals and are two-footed. The nearest would be Steven Gerrard and he was quoted conservatively at £30m.

It's a move that has certainly got fans from another team concerned. I spotted this quote on a Spurs forum. It was lifted from Wikipedia "*He (RVDV) moved to Bundesliga side Hamburg, then to Real Madrid, then onto Premier League scumbags Tottenham Hotspur on the final day of the 2010-11 Premier League transfer window...*" Premier League scumbags! Who said Wikipedia doesn't have facts, facts and more facts. A lack of class is alive and well in London, though given the number of rivals who dislike the Lilywhites this could easily have come from a West Ham or Chelsea fan, and not necessarily Arsenal.

I guess, like me, whoever wrote it finds it hard to see any downside to the signing. The Dutchman



Rafael Van Der Vaart swaps the white of Real Madrid for Tottenham Hotspurs

will be hungry and upset at being spurned and could have the same effect as Arjen Robben and Wesley Sneijder had on Bayern and Inter respectively. No-one's saying they'll win the title but only the very pessimistic can see him being a failure. In 16 games started and 10 sub appearances in 2009-2010 for Real he scored 6 goals and got 7 assists.

Yet it's not so much his performances on the field that caught my eye. It was his eagerness and willingness to take a step down to join Tottenham. Don't you just love players that would prefer to leave the penthouse for the lobby, just because that's where they are wanted? Add to that his willingness to knuckle down with the Spanish side and earn his place in the team (even though he had such adversaries as Ozil, Lass Diarra, Canales, Ronaldo, Di Maria, Alonso, Gago and Khedira) and you have someone who is loyal right up to the point until you let him off the leash and throw his bone into the river. Yet by the way Harry Redknapp reacted to the signing, a kind of blasé attitude, I don't think he realises what a gem

he has. YouTube clips don't do him justice. Harry should've been doing cartwheels in the White Hart Lane car park after pulling off such a stunning piece of business. Instead he looked like his usual self – a face like melted wax.

The problem is where does RVDV play when Luca Modric is fit? He hasn't joined Spurs to sit on the bench and he won't. This is one club where he'll be played until his studs are worn out. The smart money says he'll play on the right or the centre of midfield but his best position is behind the strikers as a playmaker. Either way it's a big hello from London Calling to Rafael and welcome to the Premier League. All this and I haven't mentioned his gorgeous wife. A bigger welcome to you Mrs VDV!

**Same Old England, Always Winning**

**And so it has begun. England started another hyped-up campaign with an easy win against an appalling Bulgaria team that would have had our Womble friend - Uncle Bulgaria - burying himself in Wimbledon Common.**

Thankfully, I'm not Bulgarian and so I don't have to dissect where they went wrong. Not to say I wasn't impressed by England.

The best thing about the performance was that they attacked with incisiveness and pace, two things they lacked at the World Cup. Who knows what would have happened had Capello actually chosen a squad with a chance of progressing further than the second round. But that was then and this is now. In all truth when the draw was made it was always my opinion that qualification for England would be as upsetting as evening with Megan Fox. Capello has already proved he can qualify the team for a major tournament; it's when he gets there the problems start. He could be one of those guys who are tolerable in small doses, whereas anything longer than a few days in his company starts to feel like a prison sentence. That said you can't fault the guy's qualification record.

The problem, as always, is what will happen when we get to Poland & Ukraine? An ageing defence, (Terry and Ferdinand) and plodding centre midfielders (Barry and Lampard) could prove our

undoing. And why does he insist on picking Matthew Upson? My only theory must be that Capello actually hasn't seen him play. Maybe they should have Capello on a long-term contract for just the qualifiers and have a separate coach for tournaments! Looking on the bright side, things could be far worse – we could be France!

**Darren Bent and Asamoah Gyan: A Marriage Made In Sunderland**

I was so pleased to see Asamoah Gyan join the Premier League near the transfer deadline. However, I don't necessarily feel that Sunderland is the best place for him.

For a start he'll be playing alongside Darren Bent. I reckon Bent is the Liz Taylor of football, unable to forge any sort of partnership with another striker. Ex-Sunderland striker Kenwyne Jones was a very similar player to Gyan; one with quickness and the ability to hold up the ball whilst not being blessed with a technique that allowed him to feed off a strike partner.

Bent hasn't got the technique to make it at the highest level because at international level you need the ability to bring others into the game. Bent, though an excellent striker, is in my opinion a good old fashioned goal hanger in the Andy Cole mode, excellent at club level but just not enough guile to trouble the best defenders. I found this quote from Steve Bruce in The Daily Telegraph.

**"It is a great piece of business, amazing that the club record signing is done on the last day of the transfer window."**

**"Gyan works extremely hard for the team and will complement Darren up front. He is a traditional No 9 and we will benefit from that."**

Therein underscores the problem Jones, and now Gyan, will encounter. Bent is The Man up there and there's no room for two in the Sunderland penalty box. I hope I'm wrong but his penalty miss against Uruguay in the World Cup could be the last thing on his mind come the end of the season. Finding a new club could be.



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04:30 pm World Football News (Rpt)  
10:00 pm Liverpool TV

**Wednesday 08th September 2010**  
03:30 am Bundesliga Weekly Highlights (Rpt)  
04:30 am The Serie A Highlights Show (Rpt)

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**Friday 10th September 2010**  
05:30 am Bundesliga Weekly Highlights (Rpt)  
06:00 am Bundesliga Weekly Highlights (Cont) (Rpt)

**Saturday 11th September 2010**  
06:00 am Bundesliga Weekly Highlights (Cont) (Rpt)

**Sunday 12th September 2010**  
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4:40am Euro 2012 Qualifier – Switzerland vs England LIVE  
6:45am Euro 2012 Qualifier – Croatia vs Greece  
8:30am Euro 2012 Qualifier – Scotland vs Liechtenstein  
7pm Serie A Daily News  
7:15pm Euro 2012 Qualifying Highlights Show

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12:45pm Serie A Daily News  
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10:30am Serie A – Cagliari vs Roma  
7pm Serie A Daily News  
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# Euro Qualifiers kick off in earnest

## Euro 2012 Qualifiers:

The Euro 2012 qualifiers kicked off in earnest on Friday night with Spain, England, Netherlands and Italy all getting off to great starts, but France have continued their horrible form going down 1-0 to Belarus.

Reigning European Champions, and World Cup winners, Spain began the defence of their crown; with a comfortable 4-0 away win over Liechtenstein. Liverpool striker Fernando Torres grabbed a brace, whilst the David's Villa and Silva – both scored a goal each.

Torres, who struggled for form and failed to score at the World Cup where he was recovering from knee surgery, opened the visitors' account with a delicate chip in the 18th minute. Liverpool coach Roy Hodgson had said that he wanted Torres to miss the game but Spain paid no attention and he was on target again in the 54th minute before being substituted.

Shortly after Torres' first goal, David Villa got himself on the score sheet when he collected the ball just outside the area and, despite being surrounded by defenders, managed to turn and rifle a right-foot shot past Lichentseain keeper Jehle. That goal was the 43rd of his International Career, just one short of all-time goal scorer Raul Gonzalez.

Fernando Torres' substitute, David Silva, added a fourth goal just five minutes after coming onto the pitch. Liechtenstein keeper Jehle saved his team from further embarrassment with some fine saves. The Spaniards are now off to South America where they play Argentina in an International Friendly on the 7th of September.

England hosted Bulgaria at Wembley Stadium in what was a quite comfortable victory for the English, with Jermain Defoe grabbing a hat trick.

England was off the mark in just the third minute, Rooney flaunted vision and touch when he released Ashley Cole. The goalkeeper Nikolay Mihaylov blocked his shot at the near post, but the ball ran back to the defender, who set up Defoe to volley home comfortably.

The game meandered slight as England took their foot off the pedal, but it was brought to life in the 61st minute when Defoe grabbed his second. Stanislav Angelov had a fantastic chance to bring his side level, but he directed his shot straight at England keeper Joe Hart. He punched the ball clear to begin a counter attack, that saw Rooney slide Defoe through to finish coolly and double England's lead.

Rooney again was provider, this time for Adam Johnson to give England a 3-0 lead. Defoe completed his hat-trick in the 86th minute, producing a stunning finish from a narrowing angle.

World Cup runners-up Netherlands got their Euro 2012 qualifying cam-



England are suddenly rampant and they go 3-0 ahead when sub Adam Johnson cuts in from the right and drills a low shot past the despairing dive of Bulgaria keeper Nikolay Mihaylov

paign underway in great fashion, thrashing San Marino 5-0. Klaas Jan-Huntelaar scored a hat-trick for the Dutch, with Dirk Kuyt and Ruud Van Nistelrooy scoring a goal each.

It didn't take long for the deadlock to be broken, however, as Davide Simoncini fouled Huntelaar in his own area and the referee pointed to the spot. Liverpool striker Dirk Kuyt stepped up and slotted the ball home emphatically.

San Marino showed some heart midway through the first-half as strikes from Andy Selva and Manuel Marani both looked to trouble Maarten Stekelenburg. However, Ajax's number one was never in any real danger from the strike force of the European minnows. Huntelaar grabbed his first goal of the game soon after, to give the Dutch a 2-0 lead at half time.

Huntelaar then found the net for the second time in the 48th minute. Sneijder, Kuyt and Huntelaar continued to pepper Simoncini's goal for the next twenty minutes with no reply. The sustained pressure proved fruitful once again as Huntelaar popped up again after 67 minutes to bag his hat-trick, and prompted Bert van Marwijk to introduce Ruud van Nistelrooy into the game.

After 91 minutes of sheer agony for the home side, all they wanted to hear was the final whistle, but Ruud van Nistelrooy would delay the end for a few moments, scoring an injury time goal to highlight his return to the International scene for Netherlands.

Italy also began their qualifying campaign with a victory, narrowly defeating Estonia 2-1. Two second half goals in quick succession from Antonio Cassano and Leonardo Bonucci was enough for the Italians to get the three points.

Estonia troubled Italy in the first half,

and were rewarded in the 31st minute. Sergey Zenjov tapped home from close range following Italian goalkeeper Salvatore Sirigu's blunder.

Antonio Cassano dragged his side level after the restart with a well-taken header following Andrea Pirlo's corner. Cassano turned provider shortly after as he found Leonardo Bonucci inside the box with a splendid flick.

Italy held on to their advantage for the remainder of the game, sealing a much-needed victory after their rather horrendous World Cup campaign.

A last-gasp goal from winger Andreas Avraam denied Portugal victory in a thrilling 4-4 draw against Cyprus.

The absence of Cristiano Ronaldo didn't affect Portugal's scoring boots, but a poor defensive performance saw Cyprus leave with a point.

The Cypriots took a surprise early lead, when winger Efstathios Aloneftis combined well with Michalis Konstantinou to find space at the edge of the box and produce a fine lob over Eduardo in the third minute.

Hugo Almeida levelled on eight minutes with a flying header after latching on to a Nani cross, but Portugal were behind again three minutes later when a poor back pass by Raul Meireles allowed Konstantinou to score easily.

Meireles made up for his earlier error by scoring from a long-distance effort in the 29th minute, and Portugal created several chances before Danny headed in five minutes after halftime to put the Portugese 3-2 up. Cyprus responded seven minutes later when substitute Yiannis Okkas beat the badly timed offside trap to guide the ball coolly into Eduardo's net.

Midfielder Manuel Fernandes took advantage of a loose ball to fire in from distance on 60 minutes, but Avraam exposed a poor concentration and mark-

ing in the Portuguese back line again with a headed goal on 88 minutes to amazingly bring the scores level at 4-4.

The France players needed a good performance at Stade de France to win over fans following the debacle at the World Cup, when they refused to train and were knocked out in the first round but the team was jeered from the field in coach Laurent Blanc's first home match.

Vyacheslav Hleb set up the crucial goal when he weaved to the right of the penalty area and pulled the ball back for Kisyak, who beat goalkeeper Hugo Lloris with a powerful shot into the top right corner.

## International Friendlies:

Switzerland have been frustrated by a resilient Australian outfit in St Gallen, being held to a scoreless draw just days out from their opening Euro 2012 qualifier at home against England.

In the Socceroos first match under new manager Holger Osieck, veteran striker Alexander Frei missed a penalty and Fulham goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer made a number of outstanding stops to keep the scores level.

Japan went some way to avenging their World Cup exit this year by beating Paraguay 1-0 thanks to a second-half Shinji Kagawa goal.

With new Japan coach Alberto Zaccheroni watching from the stands, Kagawa's clinical 64th-minute finish proved the difference in front of 65,000 fans in Yokohama.

In other games Panama drew 2-2 with Costa Rica, Poland drew 1-1 with Ukraine, whilst Colombia defeated Venezuela 2-0 and Peru beat Canada 2-0.

## Results

### European Championship Qualifying

Andorra 0-2 Russia  
Armenia 0-1 Rep of Ireland  
Belgium 0-1 Germany  
England 4-0 Bulgaria  
Estonia 1-2 Italy  
Faroe Islands 0-3 Serbia  
France 0-1 Belarus  
Greece 1-1 Georgia  
Iceland 1-2 Norway  
Kazakhstan 0-3 Turkey  
Latvia 0-3 Croatia  
Liechtenstein 0-4 Spain  
Lithuania 0-0 Scotland  
Luxembourg 0-3 Bosnia-Herzegovina  
Moldova 2-0 Finland  
Montenegro 1-0 Wales  
Portugal 4-4 Cyprus  
Romania 1-1 Albania  
San Marino 0-5 Netherlands  
Slovakia 1-0 FYR Macedonia  
Slovenia 0-1 Northern Ireland  
Sweden 2-0 Hungary

### International Match

China PR 0-2 Iran  
Qatar 1-1 Bahrain  
Switzerland 0-0 Australia  
Canada 0-2 Peru  
Japan 1-0 Paraguay  
Panama 2-2 Costa Rica  
Poland 1-1 Ukraine  
Venezuela 0-2 Colombia

### English League

#### Npower League One

Carlisle 0-0 Swindon  
Dag & Red 2-0 Leyton Orient  
Exeter 1-0 Charlton  
Huddersfield 2-2 Bournemouth  
MK Dons 1-0 Hartlepool  
Notts County 4-0 Yeovil  
Oldham 1-1 Bristol Rovers  
Southampton 0-2 Rochdale  
Tranmere 1-0 Peterborough  
Walsall 0-1 Colchester

#### Npower League Two

Accrington Stanley 1-1 Wycombe  
Aldershot 1-1 Northampton  
Barnet 3-1 Cheltenham  
Bradford 0-2 Port Vale  
Burton Albion 3-0 Hereford  
Bury 5-4 Gillingham  
Chesterfield 2-1 Lincoln City  
Macclesfield 0-2 Stockport  
Oxford Utd 4-0 Morecambe  
Shrewsbury 1-0 Rotherham  
Southend 2-1 Torquay  
Stevenage 1-1 Crewe  
Kettering 1-2 AFC Wimbledon  
Mansfield 0-1 Tamworth  
York 2-0 Rushden & D'mnds

### Blue Square Premier

Altrincham 1-2 Kidderminster  
Bath City 1-1 Barrow  
Cambridge Utd 5-0 Gateshead  
Crawley Town 1-1 Fleetwood Town  
Eastbourne Boro 1-1 Darlington  
Forest Green 0-0 Southport  
Grimsby 2-0 Luton  
Hayes & Yeading 1-2 Histon  
Kettering 1-2 AFC Wimbledon  
Mansfield 0-1 Tamworth  
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Djite goes for Gold

FOLLOWING the transfer of Shane Smeltz to Turkish Super League club Genclerbirligi SK, Gold Coast United have moved swiftly to fill their striking void by signing Qantas Socceroo Bruce Djite until the end of the current season.

Djite, who enjoyed his first Gold Coast training session on Friday, joins Miron Bleiberg's men after a two-year spell with the club that is now Smeltz's new home in Turkey. Prior to his move overseas, Djite spent two seasons with Adelaide United in the Hyundai A-League where he netted 11 goals in 32 appearances.

Capped nine times for the Qantas Socceroots, the 23-year-old also won the Hyundai A-League Young Player of the Year award in 2007/08 while with Adelaide United.



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ABC Digital Radio will broadcast at least 19 of Adelaide United FC's remaining Hyundai A-League matches this season, after making a commitment to bring the Reds' games to South Australia's sporting public.

This latest development will see the majority of United's home and away matches broadcast on ABC Digital Radio and streamed online, while United supporters will also be able to hear selected games on ABC's standard 891AM frequency.

The November 13 match away to the Newcastle Jets, the blockbuster against Sydney FC at the Adelaide Oval, the February 5 home game against Wellington Phoenix and three of the club's four matches in January 2011 will all be broadcast on ABC 891AM.

In addition to ABC's commitment, Adelaide United FC is also in negotiations with a free to air broadcaster, which is hoped will provide listeners and audiences who do not have access to digital radio, the chance to catch all of the action from United matches.

Mariners accept Perez ban

Following confirmation from Football Federation Australia (FFA) that the two-match suspension imposed upon Mariners midfielder Patricio Perez would stand, the Central Coast Mariners have accepted FFA's decision and will not be seeking to take any further action.

In doing so, the Mariners would like to express their disappointment that despite considerable discussion with FFA and other stakeholders, a way could not be found to enable the player an opportu-

nity to defend himself through an appeal mechanism.

Mariners Chairman Peter Turnbull reaffirmed the club's support for Perez and its belief that he was innocent of any wrongdoing.

"Patricio Perez has been recruited from Argentina, and in the half-hour he played against Sydney FC proved he may well be one of the greatest assets the Hyundai A-League has in its quest to become the pre-eminent football code in the country.

Euro football LIVE on SBS

The UEFA Champions league heads towards the business end of the competition when the group stage matches get underway LIVE on SBS this September.

With 32 teams battling it out amongst eight groups, the group stage sees some of football's biggest names, including Cristiano Ronaldo, Wayne Rooney and Wesley Sneijder, take the pitch.

SBS's coverage begins with one of the most anticipated match-ups in the opening group stage, the Group C clash between Manchester United and the Glasgow Rangers LIVE on September 15. The day's other match will see last year's UEFA Super Cup winners Barcelona take on the winners of the Greek Super League, Panathinaikos.

On September 16, nine-time UEFA Champions League title holders Real Madrid will go head-to-head with four-time champions AFC Ajax LIVE, in what is deemed to be one of the toughest groups in the competition. Last year's runners up Bayern Munich will take on Italian side Roma in the day's other game.

SBS will also stream several matches LIVE online at www.sbs.com.au/theworldgame, giving football fanatics even more UEFA Champions League action. On September 15, catch Dutch side FC Twente as they line up against defending champions Inter Milan, while the following day you can see Italian powerhouse AC Milan battle French side AJ Auxerre.

The World Game's Craig Foster, Les Murray, David Basheer and David Zdrilic will be covering all the UEFA Champions League action, including the week's match highlights in the UEFA Champions League Hour, 10pm each Thursday on SBS ONE.

SBS will also broadcast the group stage of the UEFA Europa League. On Friday September 17, Spanish side Sevilla will take on Paris Saint-Germain before three-time title holders Liverpool do battle against Romanian side Steaua Bucuresti.

Chris Payne nominated for NAB Young Footballer of the Year

North Queensland Fury's Chris Payne has been named the August nominee for the NAB Young Footballer of the Year Award.

Payne has had a fantastic start to the season, scoring two goals and playing a role in three others scored by the Fury during their first four matches of this year's Hyundai A-League.

On receiving the nomination, Chris Payne said; "I'm very happy with my form so far this season and although this award recognises individual performances, our pleasing start has very much been a team effort both on and off the field. We have an excellent set-up here in Townsville and the Coach (Franz Straka) wants us to play attractive football and is always encouraging us to try new things.

"I'm also happy that by being nominated, I have gained some new equipment for my old junior club, Umina FC on the Central Coast. They have played a big part in my development and I know this equipment will help them continue the great work they do for junior soccer in that region."

Fury Head Coach Franz Straka is obviously proud of his young stars this season;



Fury head coach Franz Straka and Chris Payne. Photo: Stephen Lane

While Mano Menezes has been praised for his work with the Selecao of Brazil during training camp in Barcelona midweek, José Luis Chilavert, the legendary Paraguayan goalkeeper had competition back in the day with Rogério Ceni of Sao Paulo in Brazil. Now, he is the world's highest scoring goalkeeper, taking his tally to 90 on Sunday as he helped Sao Paulo hold Brazilian championship leaders Fluminense to a 2-2 draw at the mega, mighty and mystical Maracana.

BRAZIL

Struggling champions Flamengo, meanwhile, named former Brazil midfielder Silas as their third coach of the season before conceding two goals in stoppage time to lose 2-1 away to Guarani.

"Flu" lead the championship with 37 points from 17 matches, three points more than Corinthians who beat Vitoria 2-1 in former Brazil striker Ronaldo's first appearance since the World Cup recess.

Santos and newly-crowned Copa Libertadores champions Internacional, who both have a game in hand, and Botafogo are joint third with 27 points. Flamengo's sixth defeat in 17 matches left them 13th with 21 points, while Sao Paulo are 15th with 19. Ceni equalised with a free kick after former Portugal midfielder Deco had put Fluminense ahead with his first goal for the club in his third match since joining them from Chelsea.

Sao Paulo striker Fernandao made it 2-1 with a header before halftime but defender Leandro Euzebio headed Flu's equaliser on the hour. Fluminense striker Washington could have scored a winner with a penalty for a handball by Richarlison but Ceni produced a brilliant diving save in the left corner of his goal. "The important thing today was to add a point in this delicate moment we're going through. What least matters now is the individual," Ceni told reporters of the six-times Brazilian champions' plight. Hang on.

The individual? So the game now continues to take shape on an individual scale? Hang on, read on. "When we're winning and all's well we can even take the luxury of exalting personal records and achievements, but at



Velez Sarsfield players dejected after the giants bowed out of the Copa Nissan Sudamericana to fellow city rivals Banfield leaving the Argentine Apertura only to play, with River Plate on Monday morning (AEST).

this moment Sao Paulo need to be united to try and get out of this situation."

Flamengo looked set to mark the arrival of former Brazil midfielder Silas, sacked by Gremio three weeks ago and watching in the stands a few hours after his appointment, with a victory after a headed goal by defender Jean. Flamengo's executive director and former Brazil international Zico said he was confident Silas could turn the club around. Once again a sign of the rapid, fast-paced moves that occur in Brazilian domestic club football.

"He's a trainer from the new generation who has been doing a great job for a long while and can find what we want," Zico said. "He likes attacking football and that fits well with Flamengo." Sounds just about what Johan Cruyff said about the Chilean national team's way of play in South Africa's World Cup a now a few months ago.

On more trivia, Corinthians is celebrating its centenary while releasing the statistic of their global worldwide fan base. It topples 30 million! By the way, the most funny of moments last week was Santos' Neymar. He was brought down in a tackle and his shorts fell off! Look it up on YouTube.

MEXICO

Mario Méndez and Chilean forward Héctor Mancilla scored either side of halftime as reigning champion Toluca defeated Querétaro 2-0 for its second consecutive win Sunday in the sixth round of the Mexican Apertura football championship.

Also last sunday, América could only muster a 1-1 home draw with Necaxa and Puebla rallied for a 3-1 win over Pachuca.

Méndez scored with a powerful shot from outside the box in 37th and Mancilla, who was scoreless since last season's semifinals, sealed the win with a penalty in the 80th. "I broke my bad streak in the CONCACAF Champions League (last Wednesday) but beyond that, the main thing is that the team won and we have improved over the last weeks", Mancilla said.

Toluca, which started the season without a win for the first four rounds, has nine points to lead Group 2 while Querétaro lost its second straight and for the third time in its last four matches. At Azteca Stadium, Argentine striker Darío Gandin put Necaxa ahead before a Daniel Márquez header leveled the scores in the 76th. America has not lost at home since August 2, 2009.

Damian Manso scored from a free kick in the 64th minute for Pachuca before Gabriel Pereyra equalized a minute later. Roberto Juárez put Puebla ahead in the 85th minute and Uruguayan defender Alejandro Acosta sealed the win in the 89th. Puebla played its first match without former manager José Luis Sánchez who resigned after the team exchanged owners and Eduardo Fentanes took over the team last Monday.

As of last week before print, Puebla has 11 points and is second place in Group 3 while Pachuca lost for the fourth time in their last five games and has only five points in six rounds.

ARGENTINA

Last week, Sebastian Battaglia and Lucas Viatri scored in each half as Boca Juniors claimed a first win of the Argentine Apertura season on Sunday with a 2-1 home victory against title-chasing Velez Sarsfield.

Battaglia opened the scoring in the 37th minute and Viatri added a second in the 67th as Boca ended Velez's three-game winning start. Santiago Silva scored for Velez in the 85th. Boca's win meant fierce rival River Plate stayed top of the standings after four games. River dropped its first points of the tournament

after a 0-0 draw at defending champion Argentinos Juniors earlier Sunday.

Elsewhere, Arsenal de Sarandi claimed its third win of the tournament with a 2-1 victory at Independiente, while Olimpo had a 1-0 win over Racing Club, which had two players sent off in the second half. Battaglia put Boca in front after a free kick from the left by Viatri. Defender Juan Insaurralde hit the woodwork with a header and Battaglia followed up to force the ball over the line.

The inability of the Velez defense to defend set pieces cost the team again in the second half. Viatri's first header from a left-wing free kick was blocked, but as the ball rebounded in front of goal, Viatri dived to head in from close range. Santiago Silva cut the deficit with a header from Emiliano Papa's cross in the 85th, but the effort was too late to keep Velez from slipping to its first defeat.

The win gave Boca coach Claudio Borghi some relief after the team took just one point from the opening three fixtures.

COPA NISSAN SUDAMERICANA

With domestic league news from Uruguay for instance, Chile, Paraguay, Colombia and others spark very little interest to our Australian football reader fan base, the second continental tournament in the Copa Sudamericana, (without its sponsor name to mention) is like for those who don't know, the equivalent of UEFA's Europa League. Very competitive but just without that extra 'glamour'.

On a final note, the football culture with graphic design comes to great effect: I shall explain. With the use of so many photo editing software programs out there for use, great rival club supporters like the usual, Boca Juniors with River Plate; Colo-Colo with Universidad de Chile; Peñarol with Nacional; Botafogo with Flamengo and so on, peck at each other with "afiches". They are superlly drawn-up creative, graphical banter that A-League fans could surely put to great comical use against each other. Well, for now and until another week, adiós.

Ivo Prskalo, 1948–2010

By Roy Hay

Ivo Prskalo who died this week after a long battle with prostate cancer, was one of the many migrants who contributed to the game at club and international level in the 1970s and 1980s.

Born in Bosnia on 2 January 1948, he played with Velez Mostar in the Yugoslav First Division before coming to Australia. He joined the Marconi club in Sydney and played in the first season of the National Soccer League in 1977 under coach Rale Rasic. Marconi came second in the inaugural season on goal average behind Sydney City Hakoah. In 1979 Prskalo helped Marconi to the top of the NSL table, but in the finals series Marconi came fourth. Prskalo was recognized as the NSL player of the year and his team-mate and protégé Edi Krncevic was the young player of the year. They were close friends and Krncevic says that he owed a great deal to the older man's experience and advice.

Rudi Gutendorf gave Prskalo his first cap for Australia in 1979 against Partizan Belgrade on 1 July 1979 and he went on to collect 27 caps in all in 1979 and 1980 including games against New York Cosmos in 1979, England, Czechoslovakia, Northern Ireland and AC Milan in 1980. Prskalo, a silky, ball-playing central defender, scored his only international goal with a 9th minute penalty kick against Czechoslovakia on 9 February 1980 in two-all draw at Olympic Park. Edi Krncevic got the other goal to draw the game.

In 1980 he went on the pre-World Cup qualifying tour of China but just before

the squad was selected for the matches against New Zealand in March 1981, Soccer World reported "Ken Boden and John Yzendoorn have been ruled ineligible for the World Cup six weeks before the first match as they were not Australian citizens. Tony Henderson and Ivo Prskalo may follow them for the same reason." Whether it was for this reason or some other, Prskalo did not play in the two legs against New Zealand which effectively ended the Socceroots' campaign before it really got going. Gutendorf resigned and Prskalo did not play for Australia again.

He continued to play for Marconi in 1981 and 1982 and came 7th behind Peter Wilson in the public voting for Andre Kruger's team of the Century. He still maintained an interest in the game long after he stopped playing and encouraged a former team-mate Zlatko Vego to come to Australia and take up a coaching career. Vego coached Melbourne Knights in 2005 in the first half of its first season back in the Victorian Premier League after the NSL concluded in 2004.

Edi Krncevic summed up Ivo Prskalo, his mentor, "Like so many of the men who wore the green and gold of that era, Ivo was one of the generation of adopted Australians who set the Socceroots on their way to where we sit now."

Rale Rasic, who brought him to Australia, says that Prskalo, along with Robert Vieri, were model players and men, from whom anyone could learn. "I learned from him when he was playing for me." Rasic added, "Recently when AEK Athens was in Sydney, Dusan Bajevic, who played with Ivo, wanted to see him, but Ivo was too ill."



Ivo Prskalo limbers up before a game for the Socceroots. Photo: Les Shorrock collection. Deakin University Library.

Balkan Scene with Alex Milic

**Serbia**  
The national side kicked off its Euro 2012 Qualifying campaign with a 3:0 win away to the Faroe Islands.

Danko Lazovic scored after 13 minutes while captain Dejan Stankovic scored five minutes later from a fantastic free kick. Serbia should have found the net a few more times despite the fact the home side had some good opportunities to trouble the Serbian goal. Nikola Zigic who didn't receive much support from his teammates scored in second half stoppage time following a great through ball by sub Milan Ninkovic.

Serbia will face Slovenia in Belgrade on Wednesday morning, the Slovenes failed to take advantage of the chances they had and were punished by Northern Ireland in their opening match. Italy found it difficult in Estonia as they came from behind to take the three points midway through the second half.

Partizan's Brazilian striker Cleo has been granted Serbian citizenship and is most likely to put on the national jersey of his adopted country in the next round of qualifying. The Brazilian born striker has been in brilliant form so far this season and he capped another fine perfor-



Cleo becomes a Serbian citizen

mance with a goal for Partizan in their 2:0 win over Hajduk.

**Line up against Faroe Islands.**  
Andjelko Djuricic, Antonio Rukavina, Nemanja Vidic, Danko Lazovic (Milos Ninkovic 83'), Dejan Stankovic (Radosav Petrovic 58'), Milan Jovanovic, Ivan Obradovic (Aleksandar Lukovic 46'), Milos Krasic, Nikola Zigic, Neven Subotic, Zdravko Kuzmanovic

**Croatia**  
Croatia's Euro 2012 campaign got off to a great start following a 3:0 away win to Latvia.

Slaven Bilic's men easily dispatched the Baltic side with goals from superstars Ivica Olic, Mladen Petric and captain Dario Srna. The Croats take on Greece on Wednesday morning and will look to take advantage of Greece's slip

SERBIA			
	P	GD	Pts
1 FK Partizan	3	5	9
2 FK Vojvodina	3	4	7
3 FK Borac Čačak	3	2	7
4 FK Zvezda	3	2	7
5FK Sevojno	3	2	7
6FK Rad	3	4	5
7FK Voda	3	2	5
8FK Jagodina	3	0	4
9FK Indijia	3	0	3
10OFK Beograd	3	-2	3
11FK Smederevo	3	-1	2
12BSK Borča	3	-2	2
13FK Javor	3	-2	2
14FK Metalac	3	-2	1
15FK Hajduk Kula	3	-5	0
16FK Čukarički	3	-7	0

CROATIA			
	P	Pts	
1 HNK Rijeka	6	16	
2 HNK Hajduk Split	6	14	
3 NK Dinamo Zagreb	6	13	
4 NK Zagreb	6	13	
5 NK Varaždin	6	11	
6 RNK Split	6	10	
7 NK Slaven Koprivnica	6	9	
8 HNK Cibalia	6	8	
9 NK Lokomotiva Zagreb	6	8	
10 NK Osijek	6	7	
11 NK Zadar	6	7	
12 NK Karlovac	6	6	
13 HNK Šibenik	6	3	
14 NK Inter Zaprëšic	6	3	
15 NK Istra	6	2	
16 NK Hrvatski Zagreb	6	2	

up against Georgia and already after 2 rounds put a gap between the sides.

The Under 21 side has reached the play off stage of the European Championship qualifiers following a 2:2 draw with arch rivals Serbia. The point was good enough to confirm top spot in the group ahead of Slovakia and Serbia. Croatia were down 1:0 early on but goals to Club Brugge striker Ivan Perisic put the Croats 2:1 up and in firm control of the match, Serbia found a late equaliser but

it wasn't enough for their counterparts who wont follow Croatia into the play off stages.

**Croatia side against Latvia:**  
Vedran Runje, Ivan Strinic, Josip Simunic, Vedran Coluka, Ivan Rakitic, Ognjen Vukajevic (Danijel Pranjić 70'), Eduardo (Nikica Jelavic 62'), Dario Srna, Ivica Olic, Niko Kranjcar, Mladen Petric (Mario Mandzukic 84')



# Knights win Back to Back Premierships

By Ashley Morrison

**Sitting top of the league looking to defend their State League Premiership, the Western Knights stunned many a week ago by sacking manager Paul Price and appointing former players Carl Medica and Alex Christie as coaches until the end of the season.**

The change certainly sparked life into a team that was beginning to look dysfunctional.

In this final game of the league season a draw would see them defend their Premiership, a loss would see them pipped at the post by their opponents Stirling Lions, who had invested heavily in visa players to try and win some silverware. It had been successful in the Cup two weeks ago, so they were searching for the double.

Stirling started the stronger and the game was played at a frenetic pace in the opening ten minutes, a pace that was unable to be sustained. In just the seventh minute Hind did well to head clear for the Knight's as Muirhead's corner was curling in at the far post. Seven minutes later it was from a corner that the Knight's created their first chance. The ball fell to Alexander Campbell at the back post but he missed his volley and Stirling was able to clear the danger.

In the 16th minute former Knight's player Marcinko combined well down the right with Stef Frost and whipped in a great cross, which was well cut out by Hind with a Stirling player unmarked at the back post.

Price had a long range effort tipped over the cross bar by Stirling's Turvill, but it was Stirling who created the best chance of the half. Shane Robinson pulled to the right of the Knight's box and slid a pass through for Boi, who dummied and wrong footed the Knights' defence leaving Marcinko free. He hit his shot first time and it sailed high over the bar.

In the 37th minute with the initial pace having slowed dramatically, the Knights

carved out their best chance to score. David Annall who was outstanding for the Knight's robbed Marcinko, and fed David Micevski. He picked out the run of Montgomery, who beat Turvill, only to see Pugliese miraculously block on the line. The ball came back to Montgomery, but he side-footed wide of the post.

The start of the second half saw the Knights come out with more attacking purpose and they set their stall when David Micevski surged into the box and shot into the side netting. In the 53rd minute they should have taken the lead. David Price went on a surging run through the heart of the Stirling midfield, before playing in Montgomery, on the angle to the right. For some reason he chose to strike his shot with the outside of his right foot and it sailed harmlessly over the cross bar.

In the 69th minute Macedonia Park erupted and they had one hand on the title. Ludo Boi played a superb pass on the edge of the Knights box and cutting in from the left Marcinko, who won the Premiership last year with the Knights, hammered the ball past the advancing Siddall.

One minute later their celebrations were silenced. Price received the ball ten metres inside the Stirling half wide on the right; he made his way forward before cutting infield. The Stirling defence sat off of him, and allowed him to run to the edge of the box unopposed, where he unleashed a powerful drive that left Turvill grasping air and handed the Knights the ascendancy.

The Knights made a change taking off the ineffective Campbell and replaced him with the lively Jack Doyle. Daniel Micevski was also sacrificed for Fiachra McArdle, and the two Irish substitutes should have given the Knights a second in the 78th minute. Doyle drew the defenders before setting up McArdle as he surged into the box, but instead of taking his shot first time, he took a touch, and then another and the opportunity had passed.

Four minutes later it was McArdle again,

this time he managed to nip in behind the Stirling defence, and run along the byline, he pulled the ball back for Doyle, but a covering Stirling defender prevented the ball reaching the Knight's player.

In the 90th minute the Knights fans were delirious. David Micevski went on a run from close to half way. He surged away from Robinson, kept his feet following a lunge from another Stirling player and stumbled into the box, he drew Turvill, and lifted the ball across the box to the unmarked Montgomery, who volleyed home into an empty net from eight metres.

But this game had yet more twists in store for the fans. Two minutes later as Stirling pushed desperately for a goal, a half hit clearance fell to Boi at the edge of the Knights box and he volleyed home into Siddall's top let hand corner.

Straight from the kick off the Knights went back on the attack and this time it was Doyle who skipped his way into the box, he unselfishly lifted the ball to the back post, where once again Montgomery was unmarked, but he failed to get any power behind his header and Turvill claimed with ease.

The young keeper, aware that time was running out launched a quick counter attack. The ball came to Muirhead at the edge of the penalty area and he struck a powerful low left foot drive, it struck a Knights' defender, but Siddall was down to his right sharply and hugged the ball to his chest. As he cleared the final whistle sounded and the Knights were confirmed as Premiers for 2010.

At the other end of the table four teams faced relegation at three o'clock. Two hours later it was Swan United who had lost their Premiership status, the club that Stirling coach Paul Lincoln left after round three. Swan's scoreless draw with Balcatta not giving them the points they needed to survive. They failed to win at home all season.

Cockburn who had been level on points at the start of the day won again when they defeated Mandurah City 2-0. The other relegation-threatened side Inglewood de-

NEXT ROUND	
Football West Finals WEEK 1	
QUALIFYING FINAL	
Stirling Lions	V
Perth SC	
Saturday 11 September KO 2.00pm Macedonia Park	
ELIMINATION FINAL	
Floreat Athena	V
ECU Joondalup	
Saturday 11 September KO 6.00pm E&D Litis Stadium	

DIVISION ONE LADDER	
	P W D L F A GD Pts
1 Bayswater City	21 17 1 3 72 25 47 52
2 Bunbury Forum Force	21 16 1 4 81 21 60 49
3 Wanneroo City	21 15 2 4 54 24 30 47
4 Gosnells City	21 14 0 7 51 39 12 42
5 Forrestfield United	21 13 2 6 56 32 24 41
6 Canning City	21 7 6 8 39 41 -2 27
7 Dianella White Eagles	21 7 5 9 42 49 -7 26
8 Morley-Windmills	21 7 4 10 34 50 -16 25
9 Fremantle SC	21 4 6 11 34 58 -24 18
10 Rockingham City	21 5 0 16 20 68 -48 15
11 Ashfield	21 3 3 15 40 61 -21 12
12 Queens Park	21 2 2 17 30 83 -53 8

feated Sorrento away 2-1 and killed Sorrento's hopes of a finals berth. ECU Joondalup who have beaten all of the top four sides this season, took their place in the top five when they thumped Floreat Athena 5- 1 away from home. In the other fixture Perth defeated Armadale 1-0 away from home.

As the Finals series approaches, the Western Knights will have a bye and Floreat Athena will meet ECU Joondalup again, while Perth will play Stirling Lions.

WA LADDER FINAL	
	P W D L F A GD Pts
1 Western Knights	22 12 5 5 49 29 20 41
2 Stirling Lions	22 11 6 5 37 30 7 39
3 Perth SC	22 12 2 8 43 39 4 38
4 Floreat Athena	22 10 6 6 44 29 15 36
5 ECU Joondalup	22 8 7 7 52 48 4 31
6 Sorrento	22 8 5 9 38 43 -5 29
7 Armadale	22 8 4 10 40 42 -2 27
8 Balcatta	22 8 3 11 34 46 -12 27
9 Inglewood United	22 7 5 10 34 45 -11 26
10 Cockburn City	22 7 4 11 36 38 -2 25
11 Mandurah City	22 7 3 12 33 46 -13 24
12 Swan United	22 5 8 9 29 34 -5 23

WA RESULTS	
PREMIER DIVISION Results – Saturday, 4 September 2010	
First Team Floreat Athena 1 (Mikulic 88) ECU Joondalup 5 (Blackmore 15, O'Callaghan 29, Watt 33, 52, Thornley 83);	
Armadale 0 Perth SC 1 (McMurray 5);	
Sorrento 1 (Love 80) Inglewood United 2 (Stoitis 43, Caceres 67);	
Stirling Lions 2 (Marcinko 69, Boi 90+2) Western Knights 2 (Price 70, Montgomery 90);	
Swan United 0 Balcatta 0;	
Cockburn City 2 (Pereira 31, Feely 90+4) Mandurah City 0.	
Reserves Floreat Athena 0 ECU Joondalup 1; Armadale 2 Perth SC 8; Sorrento 2 Inglewood United 3; Stirling Lions 3 Western Knights 2; Swan United 2 Balcatta 1; Cockburn City 3 Mandurah City 1.	
Under 18's Floreat Athena 4 ECU Joondalup 0; Armadale 1 Perth SC 3; Sorrento 6 Inglewood United 1; Stirling Lions 5 Western Knights 1; Swan United 6 Balcatta 7; Cockburn City 1 Mandurah City 0.	

DIVISION ONE Results – Saturday, 4 September 2010	
First Team Bayswater City 6 (Karpeh 9, 19, 55, 58, 73, Catalano 13) Fremantle Spirit 1 (Loveless 79);	
Queens Park 1 (Feather 59) Wanneroo City 5 (Booyesen 14, 57, 69, 83, Herety 88);	
Forrestfield United 6 (Harold 27, Hart 33, Burns 39, 56, 83, Costley 47) Morley-Windmills 0;	
Gosnells City 4 (Walters 37, Rothwell 43, McBride 46, Maguire 57) Dianella White Eagles 0;	
Canning City 2 (Patterson 6, Rickman 68) Ashfield 2 (Culverwell 3, Harmon 28);	
Bunbury Forum Force 6 (Quinn 4, 31, Kavanagh 26, Binnie 34, Rodgers 81, Rispen 84) Rockingham City 0.	
Reserves Bayswater City 2 Fremantle Spirit 4; Queens Park 0 Wanneroo City 3; Forrestfield United 5 Morley-Windmills 2; Gosnells City 0 Dianella White Eagles 4; Canning City 2 Ashfield 2; Bunbury Forum Force 14 Rockingham City 2.	
Under 18's Bayswater City 4 Fremantle Spirit 2; Queens Park 3 Wanneroo City 2; Forrestfield United 3 Morley-Windmills 0; Gosnells City 3 Dianella White Eagles 0; Canning City 3 Ashfield 0; Bunbury Forum Force 4 Rockingham City 0.	



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# Strikers and Fire to Face-off in Final

By Jarrod Ellis

Perry Park will host the 2010 Hyundai QSL Grand Final between Brisbane Strikers and Sunshine Coast Fire FC after a drama-filled Preliminary Final that saw the Fire down NQ Razorbacks 3-1 in extra-time.

The game will be a rematch of the Major Semi-Final in which the Strikers scored an upset 2-1 victory in extra-time.

After the previous week's results that saw Brisbane go through to the final game of the season and FNQ Bulls pack their bags, Sunday afternoon at Stockland Park was the scene for a Preliminary Final between Sunshine Coast and the Razorbacks for the right to face Brisbane in the Grand Final.

The Fire would no doubt have been disappointed to miss out on going through directly to the Grand Final and losing home ground advantage but their spectacular regular season record allowed a second chance after their surprise loss to Brisbane Strikers.

The Fire wouldn't have given up hope of claiming the 2010 Hyundai QSL Championship considering the similarities with their successful 2008 campaign.

Two seasons ago Sunshine Coast was in the exact same position they were faced with on Sunday, having lost at home to the Strikers in the Major Semi-Final. They then went on to defeat NQ Razorbacks in the Preliminary Final before completing a turn-around in the Grand Final, snatching a 1-0 win to claim the crown.

Fire coach Aston Bell was keen for the side to take stock of their performance during the week, putting the side through their paces in training and making sure they were focused on the task ahead of them.

"I think we're all hurting as a result of last week's performance," he said.

"We've given up a home grand final, we didn't play as well as we could and we've spoken about it during the week.

"To the players' credit, they've stuck up their hands and admitted they haven't played to their full potential, they've trained the house down this week"

"We worked on a few things this week that I wasn't happy with last week.

"I'm expecting to see a much improved performance this week."

The Fire's task was made all the more difficult after it was revealed that attacking midfielder Yuta Go-



Sunshine Coast Fire's Shaun Blackman flicks on the ball over NQ's #27 Robin Edwards;  
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nai would be returning to Japan to deal with family matters and would miss the match against the Razorbacks.

Gonai has been in good form for Sunshine Coast of late and is considered by many QSL supporters to be a player that can change the face of a game in an instant, something that the Fire could do well with at this crucial stage of the season.

However, there was brighter news from the Coast camp ahead of the match, the club announcing a new jersey sponsor, Seafood Cruise Mooloolaba.

The build-up to the semi-final was

much more upbeat in the NQ Razorbacks camp, no doubt due to the fact that they scored an impressive upset victory over their rivals FNQ Bulls to qualify for Sunday's game.

The Razorbacks hadn't defeated the Bulls in three games this season but recorded a victory in the one that mattered most, Joshua Searle scoring an extra-time winner to end their northern neighbour's season.

The Preliminary Final itself was unsurprisingly a hard-fought affair, Sunshine Coast aiming to cap off an excellent Premiership season and the Razorbacks attempting to

win through to their first Grand Final.

The Fire had the better of early proceedings, testing the Razorbacks keeper numerous times as the visitors looked to hit on the counter.

That said there were goals in the game for both sides and it was only just that both managed to get on the scoreboard in the first 90 minutes.

Sunshine Coast however would have felt the more aggrieved at not having managed to win in regulation, but of the two sides they were the team still looking for the win whereas the Razorbacks appeared determined to merely hold on and

## FINALS RESULTS

**Preliminary Finals**  
played Sunday 5th September

Hyundai Queensland State League  
Sunshine Coast Fire 3  
(Delahunty 78, Holmes 93, Bacon 105) v NQ Razorbacks 1 (Crowley 63)  
(after extra time)

Queensland State Youth League  
Brisbane Strikers 3  
(Goodman 14, Winters 28, Dale 119) v Queensland Academy of Sport 4 (Wilkinson 57, Own Goal 70, Jackson 110, Buljubasic 119)  
(after extra time)

## QSL GRAND FINALS

Hyundai Queensland State League  
Brisbane Strikers  
v  
Sunshine Coast Fire  
Sat 11 September  
KO 7.00pm Perry Park

Youth League  
Sunshine Coast Fire  
v  
Qld Academy of Sport  
Sat 11 September  
KO 4.45pm Perry Park

attempt to snatch a goal.

That philosophy wasn't enough on this occasion however and the Fire's positive play was rewarded with two goals in the extra period, causing jubilation amongst the crowd and finally ending the Razorback's season.

The Fire's win mean that all three of the matches played in the 2010 Hyundai QSL Finals Series so far have needed to go to extra-time to find a winner. Next weekend could be no exception either as the competition heavyweights, Brisbane and Sunshine Coast, face-off to decide the 2010 QSL Champion.

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# North versus South Top-Four final in Tasmania

By Walter Pless

**The Tasmanian State-wide Top-four grand final will pit the champions of the south against those of the north next weekend.**

And that's how it should be for a State championship.

South Hobart, who won the southern Premier League, beat North-West Coast outfit Devonport City 1-0 at KGV Park on Saturday to make the grand final.

And, northern Premier League champions Northern Rangers overcame another North-West Coast team, Burnie United, 1-0 at home at the NTCA Ground in Launceston on Saturday.

South Hobart will now meet Northern Rangers at KGV Park next Saturday.

South Hobart should have won easily against a Devonport side that badly missed experienced striker Chris McKenna, who tore a hamstring last weekend.

But, despite having 28 attempts at goal, South managed to find the net just once, and that was 3 minutes from the end.

In the meantime, the brave Devonport outfit managed some dangerous counter-attacks and they may well have scored and embarrassed South Hobart but for some misfortune in front of goal.

South Hobart had chances in the first half that fell to Kostas Kanakaris, Andy Brennan, Jonathon Lo, Tom Roach and Daniel Brown, but all were off target or saved by Devonport keeper Josh Smith.

Smith did well to turn an early Kanakaris strike wide for a corner, while near the end of the first half, a Kanakaris right-wing cross caused confusion and panic in the Devonport defence before the ball was cleared.

In the 41st minute, Brennan missed an absolute sitter from point-blank range after Shae Hickey's cross from the right.

Seconds before the interval, a beautiful through-ball by Hickey saw Kanakaris in with a chance,



South Hobart's Andy Brennan (No. 11) forces a save from Devonport keeper Josh Smith.

PHOTO: WALTER PLESS

but Grant Ashdown saved the day for Devonport by conceding a corner.

Devonport should have had a penalty in the 54th minute when South Hobart keeper Sam Kruijver upended Nathaneal Cochrane, but Mr Jozeljic waved play on.

Minutes later, Keegan Downes played a ball into the path of Kurt Howard, but Kruijver got to his shot and deflected the ball for a corner.

South Hobart brought on Greg Downes in the 64th minute in place of Hickey and he ultimately turned the match. He was prepared to run at players and, after beating them in wide positions, send over dangerous crosses.

Devonport captain Nathan Gratton and Simon Wilson were strong in the centre of the Devonport defence, but they almost came unstuck in the 68th minute when an error by Gratton gave Jonathon Lo a clear sight of goal, but he somehow blazed over the bar when it looked as if he must score.

Gratton went on the attack in the 80th minute and played a dangerous ball forward to Kurt Howard, but he couldn't control



South Hobart's Daniel Brown tries to dribble his way out of trouble against Devonport.

PHOTO: WALTER PLESS

the ball at the vital moment and South Hobart cleared.

In the 87th minute, Downes broke free on the right and played a low ball from the by-line across the face of goal. No Devonport defender could get a

touch and the ball reached Brennan at the far post and he turned it into the net from two metres for the winner.

Downes repeated the move a minute from the end, but Wook Bum Heo fired straight at the

goalkeeper.

A goal by Andrew Nicholson a minute into the second half gave Northern Rangers a 1-0 win over Burnie United.

## FINALS WEEK TWO

**South Hobart  
v  
Devonport City 1-0**

**Northern Rangers  
v  
Burnie United 1-0**

## NEXT ROUND

**Forestry Tasmania  
Top Four Final Series  
Grand Final**

**South Hobart  
v  
Northern Rangers  
KGV Park, Saturday 11th Sept**



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# BILL TURNER CUP AND TROPHY - 2010 FINALS SERIES

The Bill Turner Cup, a 15-years-and-under high schools soccer knock-out tournament, was first contested at Wallsend's Crystal Palace in 1979.

That first final was between Belmont High and Whitebridge High. Belmont prevailed with an extra time 1-0 victory, to hoist the inaugural Bill Turner Cup.

From 34 teams in 1979 the Bill Turner Cup now boasts over 500 schools that have played, so far, in the 2010 knock-out tournament to reach the final four.

In 1990 Ron Pratt and Sue Andrews of Combined High Schools were approached to introduce a knockout competition for Junior Girls and with the cooperation of the NSW Soccer Federation the competition began in 1991. Bass High was the inaugural winner beating Colo.

In 2000 Northern NSW Schools Soccer Association Inc. introduced the Bill Turner Trophy with schools from the Northern NSW, NSW, ACT, QLD and Victoria federations entering.

This year some 400 girls' teams have been reduced to the top four.

## 2010 FINALS SERIES

From as far north as Cairns to Bendigo in Victoria the tournament that commenced in April is now headed to Wembley (Jack McLaughlin Field at Edgeworth, in the City of Lake Macquarie) in what is best described as the FA Cup of Australian Eastern States High School's football.

From over 900 schools (500 boys and 400 girls) four each, boys and girls, teams will contest the 2010 Bill Turner Cup and Trophy Finals Series.

Last year Sydney's Bossley Park High



The Bill Turner competitions hit their climax this week  
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beat Brisbane's Cavendish Road State High 1-0 to hoist the Bill Turner Cup aloft.

Westfields Sports High, with their 1-0 win over Illawarra Sports High, secured their seventh Bill Turner Trophy victory. Both sides return to defend their titles.

## ABOUT THE TEAMS

Cavendish Road State High from Brisbane's South East have yet to win either the Cup or Trophy and the 2010 finals series is only the second time both teams are through to the last four. Cavendish Road contested the Cup and Trophy semi-finals in 2008.

Westfields Sports High, arguably the most successful school in the history of

the Cup and Trophy and will contest the coveted finals series in both genders.

Westfields Sports High have won a total of 12 finals, five in the Cup and seven in the Trophy.

Hunter Sports High the sole Northern NSW Football Federation representative will first have to topple the might of Cavendish Road in the Trophy semi-final to have a crack at Westfields Sports High. Newcomers to the Trophy finals St Clare's College from the nation's capital will be determined to stop Westfields Sports High in the second semi-final.

Last year's Cup champions - Bossley Park - are back to defend their title and have another quality team but will have to account for Cavendish Road in the

first semi-final while the match between Westfields and Illawarra in the second will be a cracker.

## THE GAMES

### BILL TURNER TROPHY SEMI FINALS

14:00 Cavendish Road State High (Qld) v Hunter Sports High (Northern NSW)  
15:30 Westfields Sports High (NSW) v St Clare's College (ACT)

### BILL TURNER CUP SEMI FINALS

17:00 Cavendish Road State High (Qld) v Bossley Park High (NSW)  
18:30 Westfields Sports High (NSW) v Illawarra Sports High (NSW)

*Date: Tuesday 7 September, 2010  
Venue: Jack McLaughlin Field, Park Street, EDGEWORTH*

### BILL TURNER TROPHY FINAL

14:45 Winner S/F 1 v Winner S/F 2

### BILL TURNER CUP FINAL

16:30 Winner S/F 1 v Winner S/F 2

*Date: Wednesday 8 September, 2010  
Venue: Jack McLaughlin Field, Park Street, EDGEWORTH*

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## NSW FINALS SERIES

FOOTBALL NSW RESULTS as at Sunday 5th September 2010

## SUPER LEAGUE:

### FINAL SERIES:

#### PRELIMINARY FINALS:

**FIRST GRADE:** Parramatta Eagles 1 (K Elrich 13m) Northern Tigers 2 (T Spencer 12/75m).  
**GRADE 20:** Northern Tigers 1 St George FC 2 Extra Time (1-1 F/T).

## DIVISION ONE:

### FINAL SERIES:

#### PRELIMINARY FINALS:

**FIRST GRADE:** Hills Brumbies 4 (R Farrell 14/71m D Savic 73m T Pannowitz 87m) Inter Lions 1 (D Chianotto 74m).  
**GRADE 20:** Schofield Scorpions 3 Fairfield City Lions 2.

## DIVISION TWO:

### FINAL SERIES:

#### MAJOR SEMI FINALS:

**FIRST GRADE:** Fairfield Bulls 4 (A Ali Khan 27/92m) Hurstville City Minotaurs 2 (N Goumis 93/98m) Win on penalties (2-2 F/T 2-2 E/T).  
**RESERVE GRADE:** Fairfield Bulls 3 Fairfield Wanderers 2.  
**MINOR SEMI FINALS:**  
**FIRST GRADE:** Fairfield Wanderers 1 (I Peti 15m) Luddenham United 2 (S Matayalo 75m A Martino 95m) Extra Time (1-1 F/T).

## RESERVE GRADE:

Hurstville City Minotaurs 3 Belmore Hercules 2 Win on penalties (2-2 F/T 2-2 E/T).

## SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE:

### FINAL SERIES:

#### PRELIMINARY FINALS:

**GRADE 13:** Sydney University 4 Mounties Wanderers 3 Win on penalties (1-1 F/T 1-1 E/T).  
**GRADE 14:** Spirit FC 4 Mounties Wanderers 5 Win on penalties (2-2 F/T 3-3 E/T).  
**GRADE 15:** Spirit FC 3 Sydney University 0.  
**GRADE 16:** Parramatta Eagles 1 Macarthur Rams 0.  
**GRADE 18:** Parramatta Eagles 2 Northern Tigers 1.

## DIVISION ONE YOUTH LEAGUE:

### FINAL SERIES:

**PRELIMINARY FINALS:** **GRADE 13:** Stanmore Hawks 1 Fraser Park 0. **GRADE 14:** Mt Druitt Town 1 Fraser Park 0. **GRADE 15:** Hakoah 3 Springwood United 0. **GRADE 16:** Camden Tigers 0 Mt Druitt Town 2. **GRADE 18:** Camden Tigers 1 Gladesville Ryde Magic 0.

## METROPOLITAN REPRESENTATIVE LEAGUE:

### FINAL SERIES:

#### PRELIMINARY FINALS:

**GRADE 11:** Canterbury Association 0 St George Association 1.  
**GRADE 12:** Sutherland Association 0 Southern Districts 1.

# Olivia Kennedy crowned Platinum Medal winner

The 2010 Platinum Medal Dinner Awards evening took place at the brand new and exciting Lily's Function Centre at Seven Hills on Friday evening in what was a extravagant affair for the Arrive alive Women's Premier and Super League clubs, players and officials.

It was to be NSW women's football night of nights as selected players and teams from both the Arrive alive Women's Premier and Super League were rewarded for their tremendous efforts in 2010.

Football NSW President Jim Forrest was in attendance as were Football NSW Board Members Linda Ward and Robert Waddell as well as former Socceroo coach Rale Rasic who heaped praise on the female competitions.

The award everybody was waiting for, the Platinum Medal, was awarded to Sydney University's hard working and inspirational midfielder Olivia Kennedy who took out the coveted prize.

Her terrific achievements for Sydney University was one of the talking points of the club's decent showing in the Arrive alive Women's Premier League where the club finished fifth on the ladder.

The 22-year-old former Young Matilda who took a break from football last season only to get back into it once more in 2010 was ecstatic with her major achievement.

"I want to thank the coaching staff and players of course for making this a dream come true for me tonight.

"It was a rough start to the year for us at

Sydney University but we battled hard and finished well at the end of the season but we are all working towards a goal in playing finals football in 2011."

After capturing the evening's major award, many would believe that Kennedy would be on the shortlists of many of the Arrive alive Women's Premier League clubs however the current University student currently studying Nursing stated otherwise.

"I can say that I will be wearing the colours of Sydney University next year I can all assure you that."

Away from the main prize and Inter Lions' consistent attacker Catherine Cannuli took out the 'Debbie Tait' Memorial Trophy (Golden Boot) award scoring an incredible 23 goals for the season.

The 24-year-old's majestic performances for the Lions caught the attention of many in what was an outstanding year for the star striker.

"I couldn't have achieved this award if it weren't for my team members as well as the great coaching staff at Inter who all played a role in me winning this award this evening.

Cannuli has been busily preparing herself for what will be a huge end of 2010 as she currently takes part in pre-season training with W-League outfit Sydney FC.

"We've been training really hard these past couple of weeks but all the girls are warming up for what will be a big season for all of us involved at the club.

"Playing in the W-League is tough. You

are playing against very fit, fast and physical players but that only better you as a footballer and I cannot wait for that next challenge."

Sticking with the Arrive Alive Women's Premier League, Sydney University's consistent and reliable shotstopper Emma Kate Dewhurst took out the Goalkeeper of the Year award while Western Panthers' Graeme Ross took out the Coach of the Year award.

"This award comes as a shock but I would like to congratulate all the girls that participated in the league this season especially our team who did what they could in what was a tough year.

"I know many of us learned a lot from this season and we've taken this on board for 2011," stated Ross.

Marconi Stallions' promising young prospect Doris Osman, who at the tender age of 15, was awarded the Premier League Reserve Grade Player of the Year award.

"I want to thank Football NSW for this opportunity and would like to pay my respects to the referees and of course the entire coaching staff at Marconi as well as the players who have made this a memorable year for me.

"I would also like to thank my Dad who has been my number one supporter," stated Osman.

Up and coming Referee Katie Patterson was given the plaudits of being awarded the Referee of the Year award after a sterling season in the officiating ranks. Her efforts were seen from many people especially at



the FFA who have rewarded Patterson with a chance to strut her stuff as an official in the 2010 National Youth League kicking off shortly.

In other Arrive alive Women's Premier League awards, Manly United won the Premier League Club Championship award while Southern Branch collected the Premier League Fair Play Award.

Meanwhile in the Arrive Alive Women's Super League, it was A.P.I.A.-Leichhardt Tigers' Natalie Spirovski who took out the Player of the Year award beating a number of potential stars.



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# CITY TO SHOOT FOR 20TH CHAMPIONSHIP

By Nat Adamopoulos

TK Shutter Reserve was the scene for the First Semi Final of the Devine Homes Final 5 Series where Adelaide City defeated minor Premiers MetroStars with a very tough 1-0 win, midfielder Nicholas Orr scoring with a good finish to a lovely passage of play that now moves them straight into the 2010 FFSA Grand Final.

The win has set Damian Mori's side up to contest a potential record 20th Championship trophy in the clubs 62 year history, not a bad effort considering the club was looking down the barrel of relegation possibility after the early season slump after losing five consecutive games under the coaching direction of clubman Charlie Villani and languishing down the bottom end of the table. Remedies were put into place and a change of coach back to club hero Damian Mori saw results come with the climb back up the ladder a long and tough one, a third place at the end of the season the ultimate reward.

Pre-game statistics had this as a showdown between two traditional powerhouses over the last ten years with both clubs sitting dead even on performances. On four head to head finals, both sides had racked up two wins and their stats facing each other twice during season 2010, had two draws as the result. But what was expected to be one of the best contested matches of the season turned out to be a game of pure and raw survival. Battling extreme weather conditions of gale force winds and torrential rain resembling scenes from a disaster movie, the spectacle of skill that was anticipated was brought down to sheer management of adverse conditions.

Adelaide City started the game playing the first half against the wind which was like a barrier in itself, but Mori's lads still managed to come out on top creating more forward movement than their opponents. As a multitude of umbrellas were being tossed into the bins rendered useless, the wind showed its



Young Adelaide City's midfielder Andrew Marveggio has had a stellar season! PHOTO: ADAM BUTLER

ferocity as City's keeper Luke Ostbye took goalkicks into the breeze that he could almost catch himself, the ball travelling 40 metres up the pitch only to be brought back about 30 giving absolutely no advantage to the black and whites.

Thinking this would favour the other side was negated by the shocking weather, MetroStars unable to take advantage of this challenge instead being shut down by City's backline led by central defender Paul Pezos who sat very deep waiting for balls in assisted by the wind. Instead, City were able to get the ball up on numerous occasions getting past the midfield of the Stars looking for their front men of Nicky Budin and Riccardo DaSilva. Early in

the opening ten minutes MetroStars Captain Ivan Karlovic had a shot at goal, the wind picking the ball up and carrying it just over cross bar.

The name of the game was use the wind, and Perry Mitris did this with a corner kick in the 12th minute that travelled wide to defender Lee Robertson who blasted in for Ostbye to deflect away. The few times MetroStars did get lucky and were able to shrug off City's defence it was strikers Michael Matricciani and Scott Tunbridge that had opportunities that were not taken.

There was seldom any lovely passing of the ball in this match or sweet first touches, and lobbing the ball long was senseless as there was no getting over the halfway line due to the strength of the wind, passes many times losing ground as the wind picked them up. Robertson found himself in the frey quite a few times for the MetroStars, using the wind to an advantage almost like a 12th man taking shooting practice as did his opposite in Jonathon Negus taking clever goal kicks that stayed low against the gales.

MetroStars keeper Dan Godley was left as the lone ranger for the majority of the first half, down the other end hardly seeing the ball at all his first touch being on the half hour mark when City managed to push up. Budin was again looking dangerous when he did get the ball at his feet, weaving his way round defenders Karlovic and Daniel Menechella. Da Silva found the wind tough to handle, but did outmaneuver young Jackson Groves several times to create some chances to score that Godley covered well.

But it was Orr that came into the match as the game went on, popping up unexpectedly and taking some great free kicks against the almost cyclonic conditions that troubled the MetroStars defence. Matricciani had another good chance at the 34th minute mark for MetroStars, a cut back from Mitris providing the striker with a shot that just skimmed over the cross bar.

With players being worn down quickly as they fought against the wind the two sides went in scoreless at the half

time break, both coaches wondering what advice to give their men for the second half.

As conditions worsened with the start of play to the second half, the quality of the game had a quick kick and run style, players hoping to overcome the wind that was wreaking havoc and making conditions almost unplayable.

Again it was Adelaide City that took charge being rewarded with a goal in the 79th minute by a great finish from Orr after a passage of play that saw the ball stay on the deck showing that was the way to play the conditions.

Matricciani again featured for MetroStars having a shot at goal that the much improved Ostbye was able to take care of well. The wind was playing havoc with referee Queffelec also, at one stage whipping his yellow card away 30 metres to get stuck on the perimeter fence.

Adelaide City were gathering slight momentum if you could put it that way, with DaSilva playing with the wind, shooting a long range shot in the 89th minute that just scooted across the face of goal and wide of the far post. City finished the game well with yet another possible scoring opportunity just before match end, a free kick from Orr to Budin, who headered just over the cross bar.

As referee Regis Queffelec whistled for the end of the match all that were present were questioning whether this game could have been called off because of the extreme adverse conditions and rescheduled another day during the week as backup days had already been set aside.

The Second Semi Final that was scheduled to be played at The Paddocks at 7pm in a night final between home side Para Hills Knights and The Adelaide Blue Eagles, was in fact postponed after a pitch inspection found the ground to be underwater because of the heavy rain all day. This game will now be played on Tuesday night at The Paddocks to see who will face up to MetroStars the following Saturday.

## SA FINALS RESULTS

### DEVINE HOMES SUPER LEAGUE Week 2 Finals – Results

First Semi Final  
MetroStars 0  
Adelaide City 1 (N.Orr) (HT 0-0)  
Best – MetroStars (L.Robertson, S.Tunbridge, Dan.Menechella)  
Adel City (N.Orr, P.Pezos, J.Negus)

Second Semi Final  
Para Hills vs Adelaide Blue Eagles  
Tuesday 7 September – 7:30pm  
The Paddocks, Bridge Road, PARA HILLS

### DEVINE HOMES PREMIER LEAGUE

First Semi Final  
Modbury 2 (S.Pearce, A.Carter)  
Croydon 1 (C.Pepe) (HT 0-1)  
Best – Modbury (D.Crowl, M.Kelly, D.Elekwachi)  
Croydon (N.Farrell, F.Violi, L.Klimek)

Second Semi Final  
Enfield City 1 (V.Parhas)  
Adelaide Comets 2 (E.Demourtzidis, N.Day) (HT 1-1)  
Best – Enfield (D.Martinez, J.Lagana, V.Parhas)  
Comets (R.Moore, N.Day, D.Voss Piotto)

### DEVINE HOMES STATE LEAGUE

First Semi Final  
Noarlunga United 0  
Playford City 1 (C.McDevitt) (HT 0-1)  
Best – Noarlunga (D.Foy, K.Madaley, F.McLean)  
Playford (C.McDevitt, M.Gaston, D.Pritchard)

Second Semi Final  
Northern Demons 2  
(A.Giancaspro, M.Markovic)  
Seaford 2 (D.Anderson, S.Hawkins) (HT 1-1)  
(FT 1-1) (AET 2-2)  
Seaford won 3-2 on penalties  
Best – Demons (J.Capurso, S.Gannon, K.Solomon)  
Seaford (D.Taylor, D.Winder, Z.Elliott)

### DEVINE HOMES SUPER LEAGUE RESERVES

First Semi Final  
SA Sports Institute vs Adelaide City  
Monday 6 September- 8:00pm  
Adelaide City Park, Hilltop Drive, OAKDEN

Second Semi Final  
Adelaide Blue Eagles vs MetroStars  
Monday 6 September – 8:00pm  
Santos Stadium, Railway Tce, MILE END

### DEVINE HOMES PREMIER LEAGUE RESERVES

First Semi Final  
Modbury vs Salisbury United  
Tuesday 7 September – 8:00pm  
Jet Park, RIDGEHAVEN

Second Semi Final  
Cumberland United vs Western Strikers  
Tuesday 7 September – 7:00pm  
Carnegie Reserve, Kingston Ave, ROYAL PARK

### DEVINE HOMES STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

First Semi Final  
Modbury vs Salisbury United  
Tuesday 7 September – 8:00pm  
Jet Park, RIDGEHAVEN

Second Semi Final  
Croydon vs Pirates  
Monday 6 September – 6:00pm  
Santos Stadium, Railway Tce, MILE END

### DEVINE HOMES PREMIER LEAGUE UNDER 19

First Semi Final  
Modbury vs West Adelaide  
Tuesday 7 September – 6:00pm  
Jet Park, RIDGEHAVEN

Second Semi Final  
Salisbury United vs Enfield City  
Tuesday 7 September – 7:00pm  
Rushworth Reserve, Anson St, BLAIR ATHOL

### DEVINE HOMES STATE LEAGUE UNDER 19

First Semi Final  
Noarlunga United vs South Adelaide  
Tuesday 7 September 8:00pm  
Santos Stadium, Railway Tce, MILE END

Second Semi Final  
Toros 2 (N.Moustrides, C.Staker) Northern Demons 0 (HT 0-0)  
Best – Toros (D.Ongarato, M.Barrie, D.Cazzetta) Demons

### DEVINE HOMES STATE LEAGUE UNDER 19

First Semi Final  
Noarlunga United vs N.A.B.  
Tuesday 7 September 6:00pm  
Santos Stadium, Railway Tce, MILE END

Second Semi Final  
South Adelaide 0  
Northern Demons 2



Nicholas Orr taking his shot to post the only goal for the match.

PHOTO: ADAM BUTLER





# CANBERRA FC WIN NINE-GOAL EPIC TO ADVANCE TO GRAND FINAL

By Russ Gibbs

Canberra FC recorded a stunning 5-4 extra time victory over Belconnen United to advance straight to the Gatorade Premier League Grand Final following an epic encounter at Deakin Stadium. A goal from substitute Ian Graham, two minutes from the final whistle in the extra half-hour, concluded a topsy-turvy match in cold and wet conditions.

The league champions had looked a good bet to make it to the Final showdown during the first half in which they dominated for large periods and deservedly led through a brace of goals from Alex Castro. The former National Soccer League player was the difference in the opening forty-five minutes capitalising on a Belconnen defensive error to advance on Rohan Shepherd in the Belconnen goal and coolly clip the ball into the net to open the scoring in the third minute.

The Canberra FC lead was doubled twenty minutes later when Blue Devils defender Zak Maybury was penalised for handball in the penalty area and Castro, employing a stutter-run technique, sent Shepherd the wrong way from the spot. Trailing 2-0 and seemingly not in the match Belconnen needed coach Scott Conlon to fire them up during the interval and, whatever the Belconnen head man said, provided instant dividends.

Straight after the re-start the visitors were back in the match when Danny Macor clipped a delightful finish past Ben Klug after a superb build-up that involved Taylor Beaton and the industrious Dustin Wells. Having clawed their way back into the contest disaster followed when Shepherd fumbled an innocuous looking shot and allowed Canberra FC striker Danai Gapare to nip in and slot into an empty net to restore the two-goal cushion.

Facing defeat Belconnen went on the offensive and, after Taylor Beaton side-footed home from inside the penalty area in the 67th minute, pushed for an equaliser. That they got it was testament to the Blue Devils fighting spirit. In the last minute Taylor Beaton saw his shot deflected and heading wide until Macor, lurking with intent, slid in his second to make it 3-3.

An epic extra-time followed with Belconnen seeing a Macor goal ruled out for offside Canberra FC regained the lead as Alex Castro completed his second hat-trick against Belconnen this season. A right wing cross from Stephen Lee was met by a forceful Castro header that flashed into the net on the cusp of half-time in extra-time. At the start of the second period of the match Zak Maybury went down in the penalty area under a heavy challenge from Jon Ison but Blue Devils appeals for a penalty were waved away by the referee.

Amazingly though Belconnen weren't done and when David Kemp arrived unmarked on the far post to sweep home their fourth and make the score 4-4 penalties seemed a certainty. Macor had a chance to win it for the away team when he was freed by Tai Smith but a tired chip failed to trouble Ben Klug and from the breakaway Canberra FC won the tie. Adam Spaleta slid a delightful pass into the path of substitute Ian Graham who fired a low drive beyond the despairing Shepherd to the delight of the home support.



Cameron Reinhart (BUFC) clears under pressure from Alex Castro (CFC). PHOTO: RUSS GIBBS

Belconnen now face Cooma Tigers in next weekend's Preliminary Final after the Tigers defeated Canberra City 2-1 at Hawker Football Centre after the match was rearranged from McKellar Park following a weekend of rain in the nation's capital. The Tigers, who finished the season in third place, found themselves under the pump early on with Canberra City in the ascendancy and unfortunate not to be ahead inside ten minutes. However, the Tigers were the ones to take the lead and went on to dominate the remainder of the first period.

A sensational goal from striker Jair Wilk opened the scoring with the Cooma front man executing a sensational overhead scissor kick from outside the penalty area that flew into the net and gave City 'keeper James Ward no chance. Having been given the fillip of the wonderful opener Cooma went for the jugular and was rewarded with a second goal in the 22nd minute. Midfielder Ian Elliott arrived perfectly to meet a right wing cross from Daniel Gecic to power home from close range.

Having led 2-0 at half-time Cooma came under siege from Canberra City in the second half and a combination of poor finishing and bad luck denied Pat Caggiano's team from completing an amazing fight back. City's dominance helped somewhat by the dismissal of Jamie Schofield. Pat Ross-Magee did reduce the arrears in the 61st minute with a neat finish but City will be wondering how on earth they did not send the match into extra-time with an astonishing miss

close to the end.

A Tim Mathas shot was well-saved by Francis Bangweni in the Cooma goal but the ball bounced clear and up into the air perfectly for the advancing Obi Shadmaan who somehow contrived to head against the crossbar with the goal at his mercy. The miss deflated City spirits and Cooma held on to record a 2-1 win and march onto a date with Belconnen next week.

## FOXES CROWNED LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

**Belwest Foxes were crowned league champions after recording the necessary victory over Weston Creek at Kaleen Enclosed on Sunday evening. The Foxes cruised to a 4-0 win to gain the three points required to ensure that Woden Valley would not usurp them at the top of the table. Striker Hope Wilkins opened the scoring before Westfield W-League midfielder Cian Maciejewski scored her 25th goal of the season to make it 2-0 to the Foxes just after the interval.**

The Foxes were able to breathe a lot easier after Maciejewski's goal and the fluency in their game was epitomised by further goals to Katrina Staniforth and Anika Berguno as the league title headed into the hands of Pat Mills and his protégés ahead of next weekend's finals series.

Despite not being able to snatch their league championship crown away from the Foxes Woden heads into next

weekends semi-final against Belconnen United in a rich vein of form and with confidence sky-high after recording a 9-0 victory over Canberra FC at Woden Park. ACTAS striker Georgia Yeoman-Dale marked her return to fitness with a five-goal haul as Woden made light of the absence of playmaker Grace Field with a consummate display. Canberra FC, fielding seven reserve players, battled hard to only trail 0-2 at the interval, but ran out of legs in the second half as Ashleigh Palombi and Catherine Brown each scored twice to add to Yeoman-Dale's nap hand.

Belconnen United striker Caitlin Munoz secured The Trades Premier League Golden Boot in some style with five goals of her own as the Blue Devils, secure in third spot on the ladder, romped to a 6-1 win over ANU FC. Matilda's striker Munoz was devastating in a ten minute spell in which she scored three times during the second half to seal the points. Katie Woodman added the other Belconnen goal with Sarah Everett replying for ANU WFC.

Brindabella Blues ended the season on the end of another heavy defeat as Tuggeranong United racked up eight goals in an 8-1 away win. Kate Allen struck three times, taking her season tally to ten, as Tuggeranong made light work of the home team. Youngster Alex Lawrence, who made her debut last weekend, scored twice and was joined on the score sheet by Frejya Jacobsen, Annica Schoo and Ash Neall.

## NEXT ROUND

**Preliminary Final**  
**Belconnen**  
**V**  
**Cooma Tigers**

## WPL LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Belwest Foxes	21	18	0	3	95	18	+77	54
2 Woden Valley	21	17	2	2	77	16	+61	53
3 Belconnen United	21	11	5	5	66	20	+46	38
4 Weston Creek	21	9	4	8	40	32	+8	31
5 Canberra FC	21	6	5	10	26	58	-32	23
6 Tuggeranong United	21	6	4	11	44	47	-3	22
7 ANU WFC	21	4	6	11	26	51	-25	18
8 Brindabella Blues	21	0	0	21	14	146	-132	0

## ACT RESULTS

Canberra FC 5 (Alex Castro 3', 24' (pen), 105', Danai Gapare 50', Ian Graham 118') Belconnen United 4 (Danny Macor 47', 90', Taylor Beaton 67', David Kemp 112') – after extra time

Cooma Tigers 2 (Jair Wilk 13', Ian Elliott 22') Canberra City 1 (Pat Ross-Magee 61')

## The Tradies Women's Premier League

Weston Creek 0 Belwest Foxes 4 (Cian Maciejewski, Hope Wilkins, Katrina Staniforth, Anika Berguno)

Woden Valley 9 (Georgia Yeoman-Dale (5), Ashleigh Palombi (2), Catherine Brown (2)) Canberra FC 0

ANU WFC 1 (Sarah Everett) Belconnen United 6 (Caitlin Munoz (5), Katie Woodman)

Brindabella Blues 1 (Kelsey Drew) Tuggeranong United 8 (Kate Allen (3), Alex Lawrence (2), Annica Schoo, Frejya Jacobsen, Ash Neall)

**NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES**  
The Tradies Women's Premier League Semi-Finals  
Belwest Foxes v Weston Creek  
Woden Valley v Belconnen United

**AGE-GRADE SEMI-FINALS**  
Premier Pathway League  
Belconnen United v Woden Valley – Postponed: to be played Monday 6th September at Hawker Football Centre, kick off 20:00  
ANU FC 0 Tuggeranong United 1 (M. Menser 46')

**Premier League under-18**  
Woden Valley v Tuggeranong United – Postponed: to be played Tuesday 7th September at Hawker Football Centre, kick off 20:00  
Canberra FC 0 Cooma Tigers 4 (C. Phillips 25', C. Rayment 42', 73', A. Hollis 85')

**Premier League under-16**  
Canberra FC v Canberra Olympic – Postponed: to be played Tuesday 7th September at Hawker Football Centre, kick off 18:00  
Woden Valley 4 (J. Calabria 27', A. Popovich 36', D. Crosthwaite 39', 88') Belconnen United 2 (A. Stirton 73', 80' (pen))

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# Victorian Metropolitan League & Women's Results

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MENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE NORTH-WEST:  
Oak Park 8 (M Yilmaz H Unal 5 M Erdal H Kahraman)  
Ascot Vale 0, Northern Utd 1 (S Panopoulos) Yarra  
Jets 3 (J Pritchard E Grabben M Matthews), Tulla-  
marine Jets , Moreland Wolves 0 Heidelberg  
Stars 1 (AM Issa), Altona North Keon Park,  
Reserves: Oak Park 4 Ascot Vale 0, Northern Utd  
Yarra Jets , Tullamarine Jets Light Utd , Moreland  
Wolves 2 Heidelberg Stars 2, Altona North Keon Park

MENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE SOUTH-EAST: Ende-  
avour Hills Middle Park FC , Harrisfield Hurricanes  
1 (N Phaedonos) Caulfield Grammarians 1 (A- Brown),  
Parkmore Dandenong Warriors , Reserves: Endeavour  
Hills Middle Park FC , Harrisfield Hurricanes 2 Caul-  
field Grammarians 2, Parkmore Dandenong Warriors ,  
WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV 1: Bundoora  
Utd 1 (S Galea) Uni. of Melbourne 3 (K Walters  
2 G- Gray), Doncaster Rovers 2 (C Tangelos R  
Payne) Ballarat & District 2 (K Shepherd SJ Gentile)

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 NORTH-  
WEST: Cairnlea 6 (T Hussein 2 D Mut-  
luel 3 A Niyazi) Western Eagles 1 (S Sikic),

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 SOUTH-EAST:  
Albert Park 3 (S Baeck T Kiddle H Saur) Southern  
Suburbs 1 (K Larby), Sandringham 0 Berwick City 3

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 NORTH-WEST: Yarra  
Jets 1 (T Nguyen) Brunswick Zebras 1 (M McLaren),

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 SOUTH-  
EAST: Seaford Utd 2 (K Crow AN Rem-  
man) South Melbourne 1 (L Christofooru),

Mens	Metropolitan	League	North-West
P	W	D	L F A PT
21	13	3	5 54 22 42
21	12	4	5 34 23 40
19	11	4	4 40 20 37
20	10	6	4 48 23 36
20	9	6	5 45 31 33
20	7	7	6 38 28 38
21	8	7	6 50 38 25
20	4	3	13 32 77 15
21	3	4	14 26 41 13
21	1	4	16 15 64 7

Mens	Metropolitan	League	North-West				Reserve							
			P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
Northern Utd			20	15	1	4	55	32	46					
Heidelberg Stars			21	13	6	2	68	36	45					
Light Utd			19	14	2	3	61	27	44					
Moreland Wolves			21	12	4	5	64	32	40					
Tullamarine Jets			20	10	4	6	57	39	34					
Oak Park			21	10	2	9	49	42	32					
Yarra Jets			19	4	5	10	38	49	16					
Ascot Vale			21	4	3	14	29	56	15					
Altona North			20	4	3	13	28	57	14					
Keon Park			20	0	0	20	25	104	0					

Mens	Metropolitan	League	South-East
P	W	D	L F A PT
18	14	3	1 55 15 45
18	9	7	2 39 26 34
16	9	2	5 32 24 29
19	8	5	6 38 36 29
18	8	2	8 33 40 26
16	3	7	6 21 23 16
19	3	7	9 28 39 16
18	3	6	9 23 34 15
18	2	3	13 24 56 9

Mens	Metropolitan	League	South-East	Reserve
	P	W	D	L F A P
Middle Park FC	18	17	1	0 79 10 5
Ringwood City	18	10	4	4 45 28 3
Dandenong Warriors	16	10	2	4 42 29 2
Harrisfield Hurricanes	19	6	4	9 30 37 2
St Kevins	18	5	6	7 25 28 2
Caulfield Grammarians	19	4	4	11 30 56 1
Old Mentonians	14	4	3	7 29 37 1
Endeavour Hills	17	4	1	12 19 62 1
Parkmore	15	3	3	9 20 35 1

Womens	State	League	Div						
			P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bundoora Utd			17	14	1	2	53	13	4
Doncaster Rovers			18	12	4	2	45	16	3
Ballarat & District			18	11	3	4	46	19	3
Uni. of Melbourne			18	10	3	5	38	23	2
South Springvale			18	9	1	8	35	28	2
Bayswater Strikers			17	7	3	7	41	34	2
Monbulk			18	5	6	7	19	19	2
Whitehorse Utd			18	4	4	10	32	47	1
South Yarra			18	2	1	15	11	70	7
Brighton			18	1	2	15	10	61	

Womens	State	League	Div			Reserve			
			P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doncaster Rovers			18	16	2	0	66	2	50
Bundoora Utd			17	13	3	1	65	10	42
Uni. of Melbourne			18	10	4	4	50	22	34
South Springvale			17	9	3	5	30	23	30
Bayswater Strikers			15	8	1	6	39	30	25
Monbulk			17	6	3	8	24	28	21
Brighton			17	3	7	7	14	42	16
Whitehorse Utd			18	4	2	12	18	47	14
Ballarat Lady Devils			15	1	3	11	9	38	6
South Yarra			18	0	2	16	6	79	2

Womens	State	League	Div	2	North-West
	P	W	D	L	F A PT
Cairnlea	17	13	4	0	70 11 43
FC Fullen Lions	17	13	2	2	55 8 41
La Trobe University	17	13	0	4	62 16 39
Western Eagles	17	11	2	4	58 15 35
North Geelong Warriors	17	10	1	6	36 17 31
Western Suburbs	17	5	1	11	20 43 16
Darebin Falcons	17	4	1	12	18 55 13
Melbourne Bears	17	2	1	14	6 83 7
Whittlesea Ranges FC	17	0	1	16	10 82 1

Womens	State	League	Div	2	South-East
	P	W	D	L	F A P
Albert Park	18	13	2	3	56 17 4
Sandringham	18	10	5	3	38 16 3
Berwick City	18	9	1	8	40 31 2
Southern Suburbs	18	8	4	6	31 32 2
Mooroolbark	18	7	4	7	29 39 2
Ashburton	18	6	5	7	32 31 2
Noble Park	18	7	2	9	38 47 2
Mornington	18	5	6	7	20 28 2
North Caulfield	18	4	5	9	27 45 1
Monash University	18	1	6	11	19 44

Womens	State	League	Div	3	North-West
	P	W	D	L	F A P
Keilor Park	18	17	0	1122	32 5
Yarra Jets	18	14	1	3 63	23 4
Brunswick Zebras	18	12	4	2 49	25 4
Diamond Valley Utd	18	12	1	5 55	35 3
Eltham Redbacks	18	7	4	7 49	31 2
Melton	18	7	2	9 31	45 2
Sunshine George Cross	18	5	2	11 26	45 1
Old Carey	18	4	0	14 29	79 1
Kyneton District	18	3	0	15 15	71 9
Maribyrnong Utd	18	2	0	16 20	73 6

Womens	State	League	Div	P	W	D	L	3	South-East	F	A	P
Box Hill Inter			18	15	1	2	98	14	4			
Seaford Utd			18	13	3	2	78	8	4			
South Melbourne			18	13	3	2	86	25	4			
Croydon City Arrows			18	9	3	6	40	30	3			
Langwarrin			18	6	6	6	41	31	2			
Endeavour Utd			18	6	3	9	44	54	2			
Knox City			18	4	8	6	26	37	2			
Ashburton			18	5	3	10	43	53	1			
Beaumaris			18	2	1	15	29	114	7			
East Bentleigh			18	1	1	16	12	131	4			

Womens	State	League	Div	3	South-East		
P	W	D	L F A PT	P	W	D	L F A PT
18	13	2	3 56 17 41				
18	10	5	3 38 16 35				
18	9	1	8 40 31 28				
18	8	4	6 31 32 28				
18	7	4	7 29 39 25				
18	6	5	7 32 31 23				
18	7	2	9 38 47 23				
18	5	6	7 20 28 21				
18	4	5	9 27 45 17				
18	1	6	11 19 44 9				

Womens	State	League	Div	3	North-West		
P	W	D	L F A PT	P	W	D	L F A PT
18	17	0	1122 32 51				
18	14	1	3 63 23 43				
18	12	4	2 49 25 40				
18	12	1	5 55 35 37				
18	7	4	7 49 31 25				
18	7	2	9 31 45 23				
18	5	2	11 26 45 17				
18	4	0	14 29 79 12				
18	3	0	15 15 71 9				
18	2	0	16 20 73 6				



# Victorian Junior Results & Ladders

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FOOTBALL FEDERATION VICTORIA: FINAL  
HOME AND AWAY SEASON JUNIOR LEAGUE  
TABLES AND RESULTS - SEPTEMBER 3-5 2010

Boys East - North East 12 B: Mooroolbark 0 Ashburton 0

Boys East - North East 12 C: Boronia 0 Knox Utd 0

Boys East - North East 12 E: Montrose 3 Bunyip  
& District Soccer Club 0, Boronia 3 Mooroolbark 0

Boys East - North East 13 C: Glen Waverley 4  
Boroondara Eagles 1, DOC Utd 3 Knox City 0

Boys East-NorthEast14B:Mooroolbark0GlenWaverley3

Boys East - North East 14 C: Glen Waverley 5 Boroond-  
ara Eagles 1, Croydon City Arrows 0 Ashburton 3

Boys East - North East 14 D: DOC Utd Ashburton

BoysEast-NorthEast15B:BoroondaraEagles1KnoxUtd1

Boys East - North East 15 C: DOC Utd Doncaster Rovers

BoysEast-NorthEast15D:Mooroolbark20GlenWaverley3

Boys East - North East 16 B: Glen Waver-  
ley Knox City , Mooroolbark 1 Whitehorse Utd 5

Boys North West 12 B: Hume Utd 0 Gisborne 3

Boys North West 13 B: Avon-  
dale Heights Meadow Park Eagles

Boys South-South 13 C: Dan-  
denong City 0 Bayside Argonauts 0

Boys South 12A: Dandenong City 1 Dandenong Thunder 1

Boys South 12 B: Baxter 3 Berwick City 0

Boys South 13 A: Dandenong City 0 Ber-  
wick City 1, Hampton Park Utd 2 Langwarrin 4

Boys South 14 A: Hampton Park Utd 0 Berwick City 0

Boys South 15 A: Doveton Springvale White Eagles

Boys South 15 B: Mornington Lang-  
warrin , Baxter 3 Endeavour Utd 0  
Girls South East - South 18 : Hampton Park Utd 1 Brighton 2

Girls Central - North East - East 15-16 A: Mooroolbark 0  
Ashburton 0, Croydon City Arrows 0 Doncaster Rovers 0

Girls Central - North East - East 15-  
16 B: Ashburton 0 South Melbourne 0

Central SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos  
(Sun) : FC Demons FC Clifton Hill

East SSF Boys 11 Joeyes (Sat): Glen Wa-  
verley 3 5 Croydon City Arrows 0

NorthEastSSFBoys11Joeyes(Sun):DOCUtd3Ashburton30

North East-East SSF Girls 11 Purple  
(Sun): Croydon City Arrows Ashburton 1

North West SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Orange  
(Sun) : Pascoe Vale 1 1 Pascoe Vale 2 3

Boys 18 Blue

North Caulfield  
Melbourne Phoenix  
GRFA  
Whittlesea Zebras  
Bentleigh Greens  
Brunswick Zebras  
Malvern City  
Fawkner  
Springvale White Eagles  
Dandenong City

Boys 18 Central - Northern

South Melbourne  
Sunshine George Cross  
Whittlesea Ranges FC  
Carlton Youth  
Pascoe Vale  
Heidelberg Stars  
Port Melbourne

Boys 18 Eastern-North-East

Sherbrooke Rangers  
Doncaster Rovers  
Manningham  
Glen Waverley  
DOC Utd  
Whitehorse Utd

Ringwood City  
Ashburton

Boys 18 Purple

South Melbourne  
FC Bulleen Lions  
Sunshine George Cross  
Richmond  
Heidelberg Utd  
Green Gully Cavaliers  
Dandenong Thunder  
Northcote City  
Altona Magic  
Oakleigh Cannons

Boys 18 South-East - Eastern

Oakleigh Cannons  
Southern Suburbs  
FC Bulleen Lions  
Bentleigh Greens  
Brighton  
Riversdale  
Eastern Lions  
Manningham  
East Bentleigh  
Bayside Argonauts

Boys 18 Southern

Frankston Pines  
Bayside Knights  
Casey Comets  
Berwick City  
South Eastern Piranhas  
Endeavour Utd  
Springvale City  
Brandon Park  
Peninsula  
Baxter

Boys 18 Western - North-West

Essendon Royals  
Ballarat & District  
Keilor Park  
Werribee City  
Moreland Utd  
Altona City  
Moreland City  
Brunswick City  
Brimbank Stallions  
Bacchus Marsh

Boys Central - North

Richmond  
South Melbourne  
South Yarra  
Bundoora Utd  
Preston Lions  
Watsonia Heights  
Malvern City  
Epping City  
Lalor Utd  
FC Birrarung

Boys Central - North

Richmond 2  
Northcote City  
Whittlesea Ranges FC  
Richmond 1  
Whittlesea Zebras  
Lalor  
Heidelberg Stars  
Yarraville Glory  
Epping City  
Alphington

Boys Central - North

Richmond  
Yarra Jets 1  
Bundoora Utd  
Sporting Whittlesea  
Epping City  
Melbourne Lions  
Diamond Valley Utd  
Heidelberg Stars  
Yarra Jets 2  
Mitchell Rangers  
South Yarra

Boys Central - North

Heidelberg Utd  
N.T.C  
Whittlesea Ranges FC  
Bundoora Utd  
South Melbourne  
Richmond  
Alphington  
Epping City  
South Yarra

Boys Central - North

Yarraville Glory  
Bundoora Utd  
Whittlesea Ranges FC  
Maribymong Greens  
Yarra Jets 1  
Yarra Jets 2  
Port Melbourne  
FC Clifton Hill  
Heidelberg Stars  
Malvern City  
Eltham Redback FC  
Mitchell Rangers  
Plenty Valley Lions  
Watsonia Heights

Boys Central - North

Whittlesea Ranges FC  
South Melbourne  
Richmond 1  
N.T.C  
Richmond 2  
Diamond Valley Utd  
Yarra Jets  
Northcote City  
Bundoora Utd  
Preston Lions

Boys Central - North

Whittlesea Ranges FC  
South Yarra  
Heidelberg Utd  
Richmond  
Alphington  
Heidelberg Stars  
Plenty Valley Lions  
Keon Park  
Bundoora Utd  
Watsonia Heights

Boys Central - North

Whittlesea Ranges FC  
South Yarra  
Heidelberg Utd  
Richmond  
Alphington  
Heidelberg Stars  
Plenty Valley Lions  
Keon Park  
Bundoora Utd  
Watsonia Heights

Boys Central - North

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South Yarra  
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Alphington  
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Watsonia Heights

Boys Central - North

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Alphington  
Heidelberg Stars  
Plenty Valley Lions  
Keon Park  
Bundoora Utd  
Watsonia Heights









Essendon Royals	18	7	2	9	27	28	23	Boroondara Eagles 2	18	9	1	8	39	32	28	North West SSF Boys 11	Kangaroos Red (Sun)	Mornington	17	6	3	8	24	37	21	Finals - Boys 12C: Sherbrooke Rangers 3 Richmond 2, Benteleigh Greens 2 Meadow Park Eagles 1, Heatherton Utd 2 Sherbrooke Rangers 2, Richmond 0 Benteleigh Greens 0, Sherbrooke Rangers 4 Benteleigh Greens 0								
Watsonia Heights	18	6	4	8	27	37	22	Whitehorse Utd 2	18	8	1	9	32	38	25	P W D L F A PT	P W D L F A PT	Peninsula 1	18	5	4	9	48	62	19									
Banyule City	18	5	4	9	27	41	19	Doncaster Rovers	18	6	3	9	31	38	21	Pascoe Vale	18	18	0	0	83	14	54	Casey Comets	18	1	0	17	21	99	3			
Pascoe Vale	18	1	5	12	10	57	8	Whitehorse Utd 1	18	4	0	14	29	68	12	Fawkner	18	15	0	3	75	23	45	Skye Utd	18	0	1	17	5	78	1			
Sunbury Utd	18	1	0	17	51	23	3	Ashburton 1	18	3	1	12	16	55	12	Essendon Royals 1	18	9	3	6	57	30	30	South SSF Boys 11	Joey's Lime (Sun)	18	6	2	12	37	14			
								Ashburton 2	18	2	0	16	21	71	6	Moreland City	18	8	2	8	46	57	26	P W D L F A PT	18	18	0	0	86	22	54	Finals - Boys 13A: FC Bulleen Lions 2 Springvale White Eagles 1, Green Gully Cavaliers 1 Essendon Royals 3, Springvale White Eagles 0 Brighton 2, Essendon Royals Heidelberg Utd., Brighton 1 FC Bulleen Lions 2, Heidelberg Utd Green Gully Cavaliers		
Girls West - North West	-	North West	-	North West	13-14	B		North East SSF Boys 11	Kangaroos (Sun)	P W D L F A PT	18	14	4	0	58	19	Light Utd	18	8	1	9	45	44	25	Heatherton Utd	18	18	0	0	86	22	54		
Keilor Park	18	16	1	1	70	14	49	P W D L F A PT	18	16	1	1	70	14	49	Gisborne	18	4	4	10	40	57	16	Springvale White Eagles	18	14	0	4	75	23	42			
Diamond Valley Utd	18	14	2	2	51	6	44	FC Bulleen Lions 1	18	14	4	0	58	19	46	Upfield	18	5	1	12	27	59	16	Langwarrin	18	12	2	4	74	45	38			
Bundoora Utd	18	10	2	6	38	19	32	Ashburton 2	18	14	2	2	70	18	44	Brunswick Zebras	18	2	1	15	26	69	7	Dandenong Thunder	17	12	1	4	67	23	37			
Yarra Jets	18	8	3	7	35	34	27	Eltham North 2	18	10	4	4	43	33	34	Essendon Royals 2	18	1	0	17	12	92	3	Berwick City 2	17	9	1	7	52	49	28			
Cairnlea	18	6	3	9	21	45	21	Nunawading City FC 2	18	11	0	7	77	50	33								Hampton Park Utd	17	6	2	9	49	58	20				
Williamstown	18	6	1	11	17	44	19	Eltham North 1	17	8	1	8	37	38	25	North West-North-Central SSF Girls 11	(Sun)	P W D L F A PT	18	6	0	12	34	66	18	South Springvale	18	6	0	12	34	66	18	
Brunswick Zebras	18	1	5	12	10	31	8	Manningham	18	7	3	8	36	34	24	P W D L F A PT	18	17	15	1	62	5	46	Casey Panthers	18	4	2	12	37	72	14			
Sydenham Park	18	2	1	15	15	64	7	Ashburton 1	17	7	2	8	36	41	23	Banyule City 1	17	15	1	1	62	5	46	Peninsula	18	1	2	15	23	77	5			
								Nunawading City FC 1	18	4	1	13	47	75	10	South Yarra	17	14	3	0	64	7	45	Berwick City 1	17	1	0	16	24	86	3			
								FC Bulleen Lions 2	18	3	0	15	17	59	9	FC Clifton Hill	16	11	1	4	31	22	34	South SSF Boys 11	Kangaroos Blue (Sun)	18	16	2	1	88	23	47		
								Ashburton 3	18	2	1	15	21	75	7	Kensington JGSC	17	11	0	6	45	35	33	P W D L F A PT	18	16	2	0	82	15	50			
								North East-Central SSF Boys 11	Joey's (Sat)	P W D L F A PT	18	16	1	0	67	8	46	Banyule City 2	17	10	0	7	33	23	30	South Eastern Piranhas	18	16	2	0	82	15	50	
								P W D L F A PT	18	16	1	0	67	8	46	Greenvale Utd	17	9	1	7	39	30	28	P W D L F A PT	18	15	2	1	88	23	47			
								Whitehorse Utd 2	16	15	1	0	67	8	46	Fawkner	17	8	0	9	33	35	24	18	15	2	1	88	23	47				
								FC Demons	16	12	2	2	53	12	38	Essendon Royals	17	4	1	12	24	56	13	Dandenong Thunder	18	11	3	4	42	34	36			
								Riversdale	16	9	3	4	40	15	30	South Melbourne 2	17	3	1	13	16	53	10	Mornington	18	10	3	5	52	37	33			
								Richmond 1	16	8	4	4	30	21	28	South Melbourne 1	17	2	0	15	15	62	6	Skye Utd	18	7	5	6	44	29	46			
								Boroondara Eagles	16	8	3	5	39	32	27	Yarra Jets	17	1	2	14	21	55	5	Peninsula	18	5	4	9	28	34	19			
								FC Bulleen Lions	16	8	3	5	28	23	27	North-Central SSF Boys 11	Joey's/Kangaroos (Sun)	P W D L F A PT	18	14	3	1	63	16	45	Berwick City	18	5	4	9	28	34	19	
								Richmond 2	16	5	3	8	33	34	18	P W D L F A PT	18	14	3	1	63	16	45	Langwarrin	18	4	2	12	36	55	14			
								Doncaster Rovers	16	3	3	10	18	41	12	16	14	1	68	8	43	Casey Panthers	18	3	2	13	13	57	11					
								Ashburton	16	4	0	12	26	57	12	FC Clifton Hill	16	14	0	2	68	17	42	Southern Stars	18	0	1	17	16	80	1			
								Box Hill Inter	16	3	2	11	27	56	11	Sporting Whittlesea	16	11	1	4	57	32	34	South SSF Boys 11	Kangaroos Lime (Sun)	18	15	2	1	97	36	47		
								Whitehorse Utd 1	16	1	0	15	9	71	3	Bundoora Utd 1	16	11	0	5	52	22	33	P W D L F A PT	18	15	2	1	97	36	47			
								North East-Central SSF Boys 11	Kang Blue (Sat)	P W D L F A PT	18	16	1	0	67	8	46	Watsonia Heights	16	8	0	10	24	48	18	Hampton Park Utd	17	14	0	3	76	34	42	
								P W D L F A PT	18	16	1	0	67	8	46	Banyule City	16	4	1	11	15	40	13	South Springvale	18	11	2	5	63	41	35			
								FC Bulleen Lions 1	16	13	2	1	61	14	41	Whittlesea Ranges FC	15	1	0	14	10	72	3	Casey Comets	18	11	1	6	55	47	34			
								Richmond 1	16	13	2	1	61	14	41	Bundoora Utd 2	15	0	1	14	7	67	1	Mornington	18	10	0	8	57	42	30			
								Epping City	16	11	0	5	40	25	33	South East SSF Boys 11	Joey's Blue (Sat)	P W D L F A PT	18	14	3	1	63	16	45	Skye Utd	18	7	4	7	41	33	25	
								FC Bulleen Lions 2	16	10	2	4	43	20	32	P W D L F A PT	18	14	3	1	63	16	45	South Eastern Piranhas	18	7	4	7	55	49	25			
								Richmond 2	16	6	3	7	32	22	21	18	14	3	1	63	16	45	Endeavour Utd	18	5	1	12	27	53	16				
								Elwood City	16	7	0	9	37	46	21	Beaumaris 1	18	11	3	4	46	28	36	Keysborough	18	2	0	16	32	86	6			
								Boroondara Eagles	16	4	1	11	14	50	13	Hampton 2	18	11	3	4	46	28	36	Langwarrin	17	0	0	17	6	88	0			
								Ashburton	16	2	0	14	15	63	6	Bayside Argonauts	18	9	4	5	43	31	31	South SSF Boys 11	Kangaroos/Joey's (Sun)	18	15	2	1	97	36	47		
								Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	Hampton 1	18	10	1	7	51	46	31	P W D L F A PT	18	15	2	1	97	36	47				
								Doncaster Rovers	16	0	0	16	12	64	0	Brighton 2	18	9	2	7	41	38	29	Berwick City 1	18	15	2	1	97	36	47			
								North East-Central SSF Boys 11	Kang Yellow (Sat)	P W D L F A PT	18	8	7	4	24	35	Glen Eira	18	7	4	7	24	35	25	Casey Comets	18	15	1	2	72	21	46		
								P W D L F A PT	18	8	7	4	24	35	25	Brighton 3	18	8	0	10	40	40	24	Peninsula	18	13	2	3	74	34	41			
								Box Hill Inter	16	13	3	0	57	12	42	Beaumaris 2	18	7	3	8	43	46	24	Doveton	18	11	1	2	61	36	35			
								Doncaster Rovers	16	12	1	3	64	23	37	Dandenong Warriors	18	7	2	9	43	48	23	Mornington 1	18	9	5	4	58	32	32			
								Whitehorse Utd	16	11	4	1	50	20	37	East Bentleigh	18	5	3	10	41	49	18	Mornington 2	18	6	2	10	26	48	20			
								FC Bulleen Lions 1	16	7	3	6	35	29	24	Sandringham City	18	5	0	13	30	49	15	South Springvale	18	5	1	12	29	58	16			
								FC Bulleen Lions 2	16	7	2	7	31	34	23	Brighton 1	18	5	0	13	30	49	15	Berwick City 2	18	4	1	13	40	80	13			
								Riversdale	16	7	1	8	50	49	22	South East SSF Boys 11	Joey's Green (Sat)	P W D L F A PT	18	10	0	1	51	10	30	Langwarrin	18	2	1	24	24	66	8	
								Richmond 1	16	5	0	11	24	48	15	East Bentleigh 1	10	10	0	0	51	10	30	James Cook FC	18	1	0	17	20	78	3			
								Richmond 2	16	2	0	14	21	59	6	Glen Eira 1	10	7	2	1	34	15	23	West SSF Boys 11	Joey's Green (Sun)	18	16	1	1	61	14	49		
								Ashburton	16	1	0	15	15	63	3	Beaumaris 2	10	6	2	2	37	24	20	P W D L F A PT	18	16	1	1	61	14	49			
								North East-East SSF Girls 11	Pink (Sun)	P W D L F A PT	18	16	1	0	65	10	Glen Eira 3	10	6	0	4	33	24	18	Cairnlea 2	18	14	2	2	81	28	44		
								P W D L F A PT	18	16	1	0	65	10	52	Brighton 1	10	5	2	3	35	29	17	Green Gully Cavaliers	18	10	2	6	59	46	32			
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# Bergers to meet Inter in Grand Final

By Niki Cook

For the fifth consecutive season, the Victorian Women's Premier League Grand Final will be contested by the same two teams, after Heidelberg United defeated Sandringham to join Box Hill Inter in the season decider.

Heidelberg United has taken the long route to the Grand Final in all but one of those seasons, having had to battle it out in the Preliminary Final in order to make it to the final.

It made short work of Sandringham when they met on Sunday afternoon at Knights Stadium, defeating the team that had finished five points behind it on the ladder by three goals.

Heidelberg was able to establish a one goal lead in the first half, before scoring a further two unanswered goals after the interval. Melanie Camilleri was once again on target for United scoring twice, with veteran striker Belinda Pannella also finding the net.

United's victory sets up a fourth meeting of the season with Box Hill Inter, and Heidelberg will go into the match as the underdog, having failed to beat Inter in any of the previous three encounters. Its best result was a draw in Round 17.

Inter has been the minor premier for the past three seasons, and premier for the last two, and it goes into the Grand Final with the benefit of having had a week off, so it will prove a tough proposition once again.

Both teams have plenty of experience, so nerves are unlikely to be a feature of the match, which bodes well for spectators hoping for a classic game to end the season.

The game takes place at AAMI Park next Saturday afternoon, kicking off at 3pm



Melanie Camilleri signals to the Heidelberg fans that it's goal number one for her and the team.  
PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON



Rita Mankowska (Heidelberg) tackles hard in an attempt to stop Stephanie Catley.  
PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON

## WPL FINALS RESULTS

### WomensPremier League Preliminary Final

**Heidelberg Utd 3**  
(M Camilleri 2 B Pannella)  
**Sandringham 0**

*Heidelberg United advance to the Grand Final. Sandringham are eliminated.*

## WPL GRAND FINAL

**Box Hil Inter**  
**v**  
**Heidelberg United**

**AAMI Park**  
**Saturday 11th September**  
**KO 3pm**

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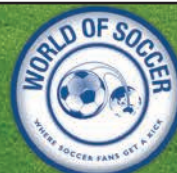


Goalscorer Melanie Camilleri knows she is going to the Grand Final. The Sandringham players know they are not.

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State NW 2  
Whittlesea Ranges v Altona City  
*Epping Soccer Stadium*  
Port Melbourne v Moreland City  
SS Anderson Reserve  
Ballarat Red Devils v Banyule City  
*Trekardo Park*  
Brunswick City v Geelong Rangers  
*Dunstan Reserve*  
Sydenham Park v Altona East Phoenix  
*Keilor Lodge Reserve*  
Williamstown v Werribee City  
*JT Gray Reserve*

State SE 2  
Frankston Pines v Berwick City  
*Monterey Reserve*  
Diamond Valley Utd v Casey Comets  
*Partington Flats*  
Doncaster Rovers v Morwell Pegasus  
*Anderson Park*  
Heatherton Utd v Eastern Lions  
*Bosnia & Herzegovina Centre*  
Knox City v Southern Stars  
*Egan Lee Reserve*  
Southern Suburbs v Dandenong City  
*Keeley Park*

State NW 3  
Cairnlea v Westgate  
*Cairnlea Park*  
Geelong v Essendon Utd  
*Stead Park Reserve*  
Keilor Park v Maribyrnong Greens  
*Keilor Park Reserve*  
La Trobe University v Melb University Rangers  
*Latrobe Uni Lower Playing Field*  
Sunbury Utd v Lalor  
*Langama Park*  
Yarraville Glory v Hume Utd  
*Mclvor Reserve*

State SE 3  
Brandon Park v Kingston City  
*Freeway Reserve*  
Croydon City Arrows v Mornington  
*Dorset Recreational Reserve*  
Nunawading City FC v Peninsula Strikers  
*Mahoneys Road Reserve*  
South Springvale v Fitzroy City  
*Warner Reserve*  
Waverley Wanderers v Noble Park Utd  
*Carlson Ave Reserve*  
Springvale City v North Caulfield  
*Ross Reserve Sunday 12 Sep KO 3:00PM*

Provi NW 1  
FC Strathmore v Avondale Heights  
*Strathnaver Reserve*  
Laverton Park SC v North City Lions  
Laverton Park Reserve  
North Sunshine Eagles v Melbourne City  
*Larissa Reserve*  
Northern Falcons v Whittlesea Utd  
*Hayes Park*  
South Yarra v Elwood City  
*Fawkner Park (Northern Pavillion)*  
Westvale v Corio  
*McKechnie Reserve*

Provi SE 1  
Warragul Utd v Boroondara Eagles  
*Baxter Park (Warragul)*  
Beaumaris v Old Melbourne  
*Beaumaris Reserve*  
Monbulk v Monash University  
*Monbulk Recreational Reserve*  
Mooroolbark v Old Camberwell Grammar  
*Esther Park Reserve*  
Sandringham City v Doveton  
*RJ Sillitoe Reserve*  
Dandenong Sparrows v Old Scotch  
*Fotheringham Reserve*

Provi NW 2  
Bell Park v Plenty Valley Lions  
*Bell Park Sports Club*  
Epping City v West Preston  
*Casa D'Abruzzo Club*  
Lalor Utd v Collingwood City  
*HR Uren Reserve*  
Melbourne Tornado v Hoppers Crossing  
*Newmarket Reserve*  
Moreland Utd v Melton  
*Moomba Park Reserve*  
Surf Coast v Western Eagles  
*Quay Reserve*

Provi SE 2  
Berwick Kings v Riversdale  
*Betula Park*  
Endeavour Utd v Lyndale Utd  
*Reema Reserve*  
Whitehorse Utd v Caulfield Cobras  
*Terrara Park*  
Old Carey v Skye Utd  
*Carey Sports Complex*  
Ashburton v Uni. Of Melbourne Blues  
*SC DISC - Pitch 2*  
Bayside Argonauts v Old Brighton Grammarians  
*Shipston Reserve*

Provi NW 3  
Balmoral v Brimbank Stallions  
*Arthur Beachley Reeserve*  
Meadow Park Eagles v Darebin Utd  
*Gladstone Park Reserve*  
Youth Utd v Brunswick Zebras  
*Seth Raistrick Reserve*  
Bundoora Utd v Mill Park  
*Hills Recreational Reserve*  
Keilor Wolves v Northern Roosters  
*Green Gully Reserve*  
Upfield v Watsonia Heights  
*Gibb Reserve*

Provi SE 3  
Keysborough v Glen Waverley FC  
*Coomoora Reserve*  
Noble Park v Manningham  
*Norman Luth Reserve*  
Old Trinity Grammarians v Rowville Eagles  
*Trinity Sports Ground*  
Seaford Utd v Essendon Royals  
*North Seaford Reserve*  
White Star Dandenong v East Bentleigh  
*Greaves Reserve*  
Brighton v Eltham Redbacks  
*Dendy Park*

Seniors	STATE NORTH WEST 2							Reserves							
Altona City 2 (M Worrall D Spiteri) Brunswick City 1 (S Murat), Altona East Phoenix 3 (B Stafrace T Antoniadis B Elmazi) Williamstown 1 (M Oliveira), Banyule City Port Melbourne , Geelong Rangers 0 Ballarat Red Devils 3 (D Swinton K Taylor 2), Moreland City Sydenham Park , Werribee City 0 Whittlesea Ranges 0								Altona City 4 Brunswick City 1, Altona East Phoenix 1 Williamstown 3, Banyule City Port Melbourne , Geelong Rangers 3 Ballarat Red Devils 2, Moreland City Sydenham Park , Werribee City 0 Whittlesea Ranges 2							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT		P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Port Melbourne	20	15	4	1	42	7	49	Whittlesea Ranges	20	17	2	1	54	18	5
Whittlesea Ranges	21	11	9	1	36	15	42	Altona City	21	14	6	1	38	19	48
Moreland City	20	11	2	7	36	30	35	Port Melbourne	20	13	3	4	36	19	42
Altona City	21	9	5	7	35	33	32	Ballarat Red Devils	21	12	2	7	50	33	38
Werribee City	21	9	5	7	27	25	32	Moreland City	18	12	2	4	37	25	38
Altona East Phoenix	20	8	6	6	29	19	30	Brunswick City	18	8	3	7	36	32	27
Williamstown	21	8	4	9	20	26	28	Werribee City	21	5	3	13	36	42	18
Brunswick City	20	8	3	9	27	27	27	Williamstown	21	4	6	11	24	39	18
Ballarat Red Devils	21	7	3	11	28	28	24	Geelong Rangers	20	4	6	10	25	46	18
Banyule City	20	4	7	9	20	25	19	Sydenham Park	20	4	4	12	28	43	16
Sydenham Park	20	4	4	12	12	29	16	Altona East Phoenix	20	4	0	16	22	44	12
								Banyule City	20	3	3	14	15	41	12

Seniors	STATE NORTH WEST 3							Reserves							
Hume Utd Geelong , Lalor Cairnlea , Maribymong Greens 4 (M Salkic 2 E Hasanbegovic) La Trobe University 1 (L Lavalle), Melbourne University 0 Yarraville Glory 1 (A Stojevski), Essendon Utd 3 (J Camburn C Tsandefskis KA Paterson) Sunbury Utd 3 (V Ierardo D Moore D Murdaca), Westgate 1 (J De Bono) Keilor Park 0								Hume Utd Geelong , Lalor Cairnlea , Maribymong Greens La Trobe University , Melbourne University 2 Yarraville Glory 6, Essendon Utd Sunbury Utd , Westgate Keilor Park							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT		P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Westgate	21	11	4	6	39	25	37	Sunbury Utd	20	15	5	0	58	20	50
Keilor Park	21	10	6	5	32	23	36	Keilor Park	20	15	1	4	84	31	46
Yarraville Glory	21	11	3	7	34	29	36	La Trobe University	18	9	3	6	46	31	30
Geelong	20	11	2	7	44	34	35	Cairnlea	19	9	3	7	54	45	30
Sunbury Utd	21	10	4	7	46	39	34	Yarraville Glory	21	10	3	8	61	59	30
Cairnlea	19	10	2	7	45	26	32	Geelong	19	8	4	7	35	43	28
Hume Utd	20	8	6	6	27	25	30	Melbourne University	21	8	2	11	43	37	26
La Trobe University	20	8	4	8	40	41	28	Lalor	19	7	5	7	42	53	26
Melbourne University	21	6	4	11	21	25	22	Essendon Utd	20	6	6	8	47	47	24
Maribymong Greens	21	5	6	10	28	44	18	Hume Utd	19	5	2	12	47	68	17
Lalor	20	2	9	9	18	34	15	Westgate	20	3	2	15	29	61	11
Essendon Utd	21	2	8	11	29	58	14	Maribymong Greens	20	2	6	12	35	86	9

Seniors	PROVI 1 NORTH WEST							Reserves							
Avondale Heights Laverton Park , Corio 0 South Yarra 4 (R Holder B McAleer M McClernon J Loneragan), Elwood City 4 (D Newton SP Mulligan 3) FC Strathmore 0, Melbourne City 2 (S Said A Beri) Westvale 2 (J Klothos M Pongas), North City Lions 3 (K Willmott C Barrientos K Ayache) Northern Falcons 2 (S Koumi F Pizzo), Whittlesea Utd 2 (T Altanham F Tranchitella) North Sunshine Eagles 1 (G Muslia)								Avondale Heights Laverton Park , Corio 0 South Yarra 0, Elwood City 2 FC Strathmore 4, Melbourne City 0 Westvale 0, North City Lions 3 Northern Falcons 2, Whittlesea Utd 4 North Sunshine Eagles 0							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P T		P	W	D	L	F	A	P T
Whittlesea Utd	21	14	5	2	46	26	47	FC Strathmore	21	14	3	4	43	28	45
Corio	20	12	4	4	52	28	40	South Yarra	21	14	2	5	46	24	44
Avondale Heights	19	12	4	3	32	15	40	Avondale Heights	19	12	5	2	63	19	41
Laverton Park	20	10	4	6	36	32	34	Corio	20	11	5	4	38	17	38
North Sunshine Eagles	21	9	3	9	37	32	30	Laverton Park	19	10	2	7	24	23	32
FC Strathmore	21	8	4	9	41	43	28	Whittlesea Utd	20	8	7	5	37	17	31
Westvale	21	7	6	8	25	24	27	North City Lions	21	8	3	10	37	45	27
North City Lions	21	7	3	11	23	28	24	Elwood City	21	6	7	8	32	39	25
Northern Falcons	21	5	8	8	21	29	20	North Sunshine Eagles	21	6	6	9	40	40	24
South Yarra	21	4	7	10	27	37	19	Westvale	21	6	6	9	36	51	24
Elwood City	21	3	6	12	22	41	15	Melbourne City	21	2	1	18	20	82	7
Melbourne City	21	3	6	12	16	43	15	Northern Falcons	21	0	5	16	23	54	2

Seniors	PROVI 2 NORTH WEST							Reserves
Collingwood City 2 (S Jervis V Chawanda) Bell Park 1 (LH Nelson), Hoppers Crossing 2 (A Smart K Sherzai) Moreland Utd 2 (J Odisho Own Goal), Plenty Valley Lions Surf Coast , West Preston 1 (J Saad) Melbourne Tornado 2 (R Blazevic L Miocic), Western Eagles 1 (J Strycharski) Epping City 0								Collingwood City 2 Bell Park 1, Hoppers Crossing 7 Moreland Utd 0, Plenty Valley Lions Surf Coast , West Preston Melbourne Tornado , Western Eagles 0 Epping City 5
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT	
Western Eagles	21	14	5	2	40	12	44	Hoppers Crossing
Surf Coast	20	11	4	5	45	23	37	Collingwood City
Moreland Utd	21	11	5	5	37	23	35	Epping City
Epping City	21	9	5	7	33	30	32	Bell Park
Hoppers Crossing	21	8	5	8	40	38	29	Surf Coast
Lalor Utd	20	9	5	6	35	38	29	Moreland Utd
Bell Park	21	7	4	10	41	34	25	Lalor Utd
Plenty Valley Lions	19	7	4	8	25	38	25	Melton
Melbourne Tornado	21	6	6	9	34	37	24	West Preston
West Preston	20	7	1	12	35	47	22	Western Eagles
Collingwood City	21	4	5	12	24	48	17	Melbourne Tornado
Melton	20	4	3	13	23	44	15	Plenty Valley Lions

Seniors	PROVI 3 NORTH WEST							Reserves							
Brimbank Stallions Meadow Park Eagles , Darebin Utd Bundoora Utd , Mill Park 2 (G Stylianou 2) Youth Utd 2 (E Kaplan E Durmus), Watsonia Heights Balmoral , Northern Roosters Upfield								Brimbank Stallions Meadow Park Eagles , Darebin Utd Bundoora Utd , Mill Park 4 Youth Utd 7, Watsonia Heights 3 Balmoral 0, Northern Roosters Upfield							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT		P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Northern Roosters	19	15	1	3	50	22	46	Watsonia Heights	21	18	1	2	87	23	55
Upfield	20	14	4	2	46	20	46	Upfield	20	15	2	3	115	26	47
Watsonia Heights	20	11	5	4	36	15	38	Youth Utd	21	14	2	5	69	49	44
Darebin Utd	20	12	2	6	40	24	38	Brimbank Stallions	19	11	3	5	55	42	36
Meadow Park Eagles	20	8	4	8	26	24	28	Brunswick Zebras	20	8	7	5	41	34	31
Youth Utd	21	6	6	9	33	35	24	Balmoral	21	10	1	10	41	44	31
Balmoral	20	8	5	7	39	31	23	Darebin Utd	20	9	2	9	38	47	29
Brunswick Zebras	20	4	9	7	27	28	21	Keilor Wolves	20	5	3	12	46	80	18
Brimbank Stallions	19	5	6	8	34	38	21	Meadow Park Eagles	19	4	3	12	28	47	15
Mill Park	21	5	3	13	27	58	18	Bundoora Utd	20	3	3	14	37	75	12
Keilor Wolves	20	3	5	12	27	56	14	Mill Park	21	4	3	14	39	92	12
Bundoora Utd	20	3	2	15	22	56	11	Northern Roosters	18	1	6	11	30	67	9

Seniors	STATE SOUTH EAST 2							Reserves							
Casey Comets 3 (PM Presti 2 L Ryan) Doncaster Rovers 0, Eastern Lions 2 (M Mccluskey MW Nyadzayo) Southern Suburbs 0, Berwick City 3 (OA Mejias 2 A Torelli) Diamond Valley Utd 1 (L Minopoulos), Dandenong City Knox City , Southern Stars Frankston Pines , Morwell Pegasus 4 (CT Bell S Tagliaferro 2 J Baros) Heatherton Utd 0								Casey Comets 2 Doncaster Rovers 1, Eastern Lions 3 Southern Suburbs 1, Berwick City Diamond Valley Utd Dandenong City Knox City , Southern Stars Frankston Pines , Morwell Pegasus 0 Heatherton Utd 6							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT		P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Southern Stars	20	14	6	0	49	22	48	Knox City	20	16	0	4	55	22	48
Diamond Valley Utd	21	13	3	5	50	27	42	Diamond Valley Utd	18	14	2	2	54	18	44
Casey Comets	21	12	3	6	46	35	39	Eastern Lions	21	12	1	8	39	28	37
Eastern Lions	21	9	5	7	40	31	32	Southern Stars	18	12	0	6	55	32	36
Morwell Pegasus	21	10	2	9	44	45	32	Berwick City	19	11	1	7	42	42	34
Knox City	20	8	5	7	39	35	29	Casey Comets	20	10	3	7	36	29	32
Doncaster Rovers	21	8	3	10	31	37	27	Doncaster Rovers	21	9	1	11	47	42	28
Heatherton Utd	20	7	6	7	30	36	26	Dandenong City	17	7	4	6	30	31	24
Dandenong City	18	7	4	7	32	29	25	Heatherton Utd	17	5	2	10	26	32	17
Southern Suburbs	21	5	4	12	29	39	18	Morwell Pegasus	20	4	3	13	33	70	15
Frankston Pines	19	4	2	13	20	47	14	Frankston Pines	18	3	1	14	21	51	10
Berwick City	21	2	3	16	16	43	9	Southern Suburbs	21	2	2	17	20	61	8

Seniors	STATE SOUTH EAST 3							Reserves							
Fitzroy City 7 (A Ismail A Ugrenovic S Griffin D Wilson 4) Croydon City Arrows 0, Peninsula Strikers Springvale City , Noble Park Utd South Springvale , Mornington 5 (C Leopold S Vernon 2 S Bill L Vallance) Nunawading City FC 2 (S Elbaz C Duncan), North Caulfield 1 (J Tasker) Brandon Park 2 (H Armenian G Jones)								Fitzroy City 1 Croydon City Arrows 4, Peninsula Strikers Springvale City , Noble Park Utd South Springvale , Mornington 0 Nunawading City FC 1, North Caulfield 3 Brandon Park 0							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT		P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Noble Park Utd	20	14	3	3	48	23	45	Croydon City Arrows	21	12	6	3	51	37	42
South Springvale	20	13	4	3	47	23	43	Nunawading City FC	21	12	5	4	56	37	41
Mornington	21	13	2	6	49	32	41	Mornington	21	11	6	4	53	26	39
Kingston City	20	12	2	6	39	31	38	Noble Park Utd	19	11	3	5	63	36	36
Fitzroy City	20	9	4	7	50	35	31	Kingston City	19	10	3	6	56	27	37
Croydon City Arrows	21	8	5	8	29	37	29	South Springvale	20	8	7	5	32	23	33
North Caulfield	21	8	2	11	40	44	26	Peninsula Strikers	21	8	6	7	45	39	25
Nunawading City FC	21	6	5	10	19	29	23	Fitzroy City	19	8	4	7	46	39	29
Peninsula Strikers	20	5	6	9	21	39	21	Springvale City	21	6	3	12	40	64	20
Waverley Wanderers	19	5	5	9	23	27	20	North Caulfield	20	6	1	13	36	55	11
Brandon Park	21	5	2	14	29	49	17	Waverley Wanderers	19	2	3	14	22	58	10
Springvale City	20	2	4	14	23	48	7	Brandon Park	21	2	3	16	25	84	10



# Springvale Secure Championship As Malvern Drop to SL2

By Aritro Abedin

In another huge weekend of action in what has been the most exciting SL1 for many years, Malvern City finally gave up the ghost as a 6-1 thumping against Pascoe Vale condemned them to life in the SL2 in 2011. Meanwhile Springvale's triumph in a 7 goal thriller against Whittlesea Zebras has seen them clinch the division title.

It was always going to be a long way back for Malvern as they backed up from a humiliating 8-0 drubbing against Langwarrin last week needing all three points against Pascoe Vale to ensure any chance of survival.

However, the game was over before it had started as a strangely tepid and uninspired Malvern side were put to the sword by a Pascoe Vale side that has been irresistible for the second half of the season. Bale Micovski was the star for the visitors, his two goals bookending a 6-1 thumping that saw Pascoe Vale play some of their best football for year in what was a remarkable exhibition of fluent attacking football.

Pascoe Vale manager George Kakaletsis hailed his players for the display, but was somewhat muted in his outlook for the rest of the season, with his side locked at 34 points with Bulleen, one behind Langwarrin and Fawkner, leaving them to rely on other results going their way as they as they vie for promotion. 'Bulleen play tomorrow against St. Alban's, so that result will determine who'll go up.

Also, Langwarrin are in the mix after a good result and I think next week they meet Preston, and I think that's a hard game to pick because Preston need the points in that one as well. But, look we're depending on other results aren't we? I don't know which way it'll go.'

Langwarrin have had a wobbly second half of the season with consecutive losses against Pascoe Vale, Springvale and St.Alban's derailing a season in which they had appeared to have a genuine chance of being promoted as they sat pretty in second place after Round 15.

However, the last two weeks have seen a return to form for Gus McLeod's side, who have commenced a revival in which they achieved a huge win over Bulleen followed by an 8-0 drubbing of Malvern last week. This week saw them travel to Elcho Park against a North Geelong side who had little to play for, and this fact was very much evident as Langy ran out easy 3-0 winners.

The goals were once again shared between Langwarrin's sharp-shooting striker combination, with Caleb Nichols adding another brace to his tally for the season, and Matt Durand chiming in with one of his own. The two men remain in positions one and two in the division's goal-scoring charts.

Even though his side sit in equal second place with 35 points, Gus McLeod knows that a Bulleen win in tomorrow night's contest against St.Alban's could see his side go two points adrift. In light of that fact, he took a relaxed view of his side's all-important final game against Preston. "In one sense I'm glad they won today because it takes a lot of the pressure off them, otherwise they might have come out needing the points to stay up. But look, whatever happens happens and we'll just enjoy it no matter what. We've scored 15 goals so the confidence is high anyway, and that's the most important thing going into the game."

The match of the round was the relegation six pointer at BT Connor Reserve, with Preston and Clifton Hill facing off in the contest that will all but decide the



Fawkner's Rudi Saglam converts his penalty against Western Suburbs. PHOTO: STEVE STAREK



Western Suburbs keeper Bojo Jevdjovic punches clear the danger. PHOTO: STEVE STAREK

make up of next year's division 2. Both sides went into the game riding the wave of late revivals, with Clifton Hill being undefeated in four games and Preston having achieved huge wins against Whittlesea Zebras and Western Suburbs respectively.

A big crowd was expected for the contest, and the Macedonian community didn't let the Lions down as an impressive number of them roared the club on towards victory.

They were sent into raptures early in the contest, when a questionable handball decision saw the referee point to the spot, with Ahmetovic, Edin making no mistake with the penalty to send his team 1-0 up.

However a determined Clifton Hill muscled their way back into the contest, seizing control of the position for much of the middle period of the game. Eventually they were rewarded for their endeavour when Frank Drakopolous got onto the end of a long-ball into the box and headed it in at the far post to silence the expectant Preston crowd.

However, the Preston fans were to end the game experiencing the sort of joy and relief that can only be induced by the avoidance of relegation, when a hope-

ful shot into the box pinballed around a sea of Clifton Hill bodies and was somehow scrambled into the back of the net with Andrew J Branov getting the credit for the goal.

As BT Connor Reserve exploded into a pandemonium, the despondent Clifton Hill coach Alex Kiratzoglu was left to lament on a result that slipped away in the most heart breaking of circumstances. 'We're shattered, just shattered. It was always going to be a tough match with so much riding on the result. I can't fault the boys, though I think a bit more composure in defence would have been the order of the day, I think the effort was there and I'm really proud of the performance.'

In other results, Fawkner's 2-0 win over Lorenz Kidnter's Wester Suburbs side took them into second place, with the Bulleen and St.Alban's result still pending. In his remarks after the game, Blues coach Ken Murphy suggested that 2010 has been a good season for his side even if promotion ultimately evades them. "Well you're always disappointed not to get promoted, there's no doubt about that. But we've had a very young side this season, and a lot of youngsters have come on and done

a really good job for us. If we win next week we're in third spot and I think that's a great effort."

Finally, the all conquering Springvale White Eagles capped off a superb season by clinching the championship in a goalfest at Epping Soccer Stadium that saw them ultimately prevail over Whittlesea Zebras 4-3. Few would doubt that Springvale have been the most deserving team in this division, going about their season with a clinical efficiency that has seen them take points off the teams at both ends of the table while some of the teams chasing the second promotion spot have faltered when they might have expected to win.

The White Eagles have spent just about the entire season in the top 2, having kicked off the season with a 1-0 win over cellar dweller Malvern and then gone onto deal with all comers with the poise and class befitting of champions. So with one round left, and with Stratko Mihaljovic's side four points ahead at the top of the league, Goal Weekly sends out a warm congratulations to this year's State League Division One champions-elect; the Springvale White Eagles.

## SL1 RESULTS

North Geelong Warriors 0  
Langwarrin 3  
(M Durand C Nicholes 2)

Malvern City 1 (G Kotsiris)  
Pascoe Vale 6 (M Tolli J  
Principato B Micovski 2 L  
Santilli)

Whittlesea Zebras 3  
(G Lombardo N Kalambo-  
kis 2)

Springvale White Eagles  
4 (R Tomic D Erakovic Z  
Vukas)

Preston Lions 2 (E Ahme-  
tovic AJ Branov)  
FC Clifton Hill 1 (F( Drako-  
poulos),

Western Suburbs 0  
Fawkner Blues 2  
(R Saglam 2)

Under 21s:  
North Geelong Warriors 2 Lang-  
warrin 2, Malvern City 1 Pas-  
coe Vale 0, Whittlesea Zebras  
3 Springvale White Eagles 1,  
Preston Lions 5 FC Clifton Hill 2

## SL1 NEXT ROUND

Round 22  
Fawkner Blues v Whittlesea Zebras  
CB Smith Reserve  
Sat 11 Sep KO 3:00PM

FC Clifton Hill v Western Suburbs  
Kevin Bartlett Reserve  
Sat 11 Sep KO 3:00PM

Langwarrin v Preston Lions  
Lawton Park Reserve  
Sat 11 Sep KO 3:00PM

Pascoe Vale v North Geelong Warriors  
Hosken Reserve  
Sat 11 Sep KO 3:00PM

Springvale White Eagles v Bulleen Lions  
White Eagles Stadium  
Sat 11 Sep KO 3:00PM

St Albans Saints v Malvern City  
Churchill Reserve  
Sat 11 Sep KO 3:00PM

## SL1 LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Springvale White Eagles	21	12	3	6	41	29	39
Fawkner Blues	21	10	5	6	34	26	35
Langwarrin	21	11	2	8	43	38	35
FC Bulleen Lions	20	9	7	4	36	21	34
Pascoe Vale	21	10	4	7	38	27	34
St Albans Saints	20	9	9	2	42	25	33
Western Suburbs	21	8	7	6	34	27	31
North Geelong Warriors	21	7	6	8	27	25	27
Whittlesea Zebras	21	7	6	8	25	26	27
Preston Lions	21	5	4	12	23	40	19
FC Clifton Hill	21	4	4	13	24	37	16
Malvern City	21	4	1	16	18	64	13

## SL1 U21 LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Langwarrin	21	13	3	5	46	35	42
North Geelong Warriors	20	12	5	3	44	23	41
Pascoe Vale	21	13	0	8	52	34	39
FC Bulleen Lions	20	11	4	5	47	33	37
Springvale White Eagles	21	9	4	8	46	32	31
Whittlesea Zebras	21	9	4	8	38	32	31
Western Suburbs	18	8	3	7	30	49	27
St Albans Saints	20	8	1	11	30	34	22
FC Clifton Hill	20	6	4	10	31	44	22
Preston Lions	21	5	6	10	37	42	21
Malvern City	21	5	3	13	31	48	18
Fawkner Blues	20	2	5	13	15	41	11







<h1>RICHMOND EAGLES</h1>	
	<h1>2</h1>
<h1>HUME CITY</h1>	
	<h1>1</h1>

**Richmond: S.Gal,  
A.Viola, E.Karahan  
(M.Catalano 52'), D.Tsiaras,  
J.Krncecic, D.Visevic  
(M.Lujic 92'), M.Ferrante,  
A.Kovacic, T.Milardovic,  
S.Topalovic, D.van 't Schip  
(S.Piorkowski 77').**

**Goals: Visevic 45' Krncevic 66'**

**Yellow Cards: Topalovic 75'  
Viola 82'**

**Red Card: Kovacic 76'**

**Hume City L.Acevski,  
S.Pace, S.Pir (R.Thompson  
67'), I.Erdogan, A.Opazo,  
T.Sumbul, R.Cardozo,  
Z.Petrevski, A.Vlahos,  
D.Delic (M.Bosevski 79'),  
P.Riccobene.**

**Goal: Thompson 82'**

**Yellow Cards: Pace 36'**  
**Acevski 76' Sumbul 90'**

**Red Card: Riccobene 75'**

**Man of the Match: Daniel Visevic (Richmond)**

**Venue: Knights Stadium**

# Eagles swoop to VPL Grand Final

By Mark Boric

**The 2010 AVPL Preliminary Final saw minor premiers Richmond met Hume City at a sodden Knights Stadium on Sunday.**

A win for Richmond would book them another shot at Green Gully, who had defeated them 2-1 in the Major Semi-Final. Victory for Hume would also see them have a shot at redemption against the Cavaliers in the Grand Final, after their 1-3 defeat in the Qualifying Final. Hume had bounced from that defeat with a 2-0 win over Heidelberg United in the Minor Semi-Final.

Richmond delivered from coach Michael Chatzitrifonos' promised attacking intent during the week straight from kick-off, Davey van't Schip heading the ball down to Daniel Visavic, who ran across the top of the box before poking the ball over to Michael Ferrante who shot just wide after twenty seconds. Four minutes later a great ball through from Visavic released van 't Schip on the left inside the penalty area, and faced with Lou Acevski one-on-one the Richmond striker hit his shot at the keeper from twelve yards on a slight angle.

Hume City soon had a corner at the other end, the ball cleared from the near post before being played back into the box for Stjepan Gal to punch away to safety. Ferrante fired well over the target from twenty-five yards in the seventh minute after a terrible turnover from Steven Pace. A foul by Phillip Riccobene on Ferrante a minute later gave Richmond a free kick just outside the right corner of the box. Visovic sent his shot from the set-piece just wide of the far post.

The tempo then dropped, with Richmond's momentum lost as captain Dimitri Tsiaras had to come off for six minutes to treat a badly cut ear. A speculative shot from Visevic went wide of the target, before Hume threatened with a chip to the far post by Richie Cardozo which Gal cut out just ahead of Andy Vlahos. In the twenty-first minute Alfonso Opa-zo teed up a shot for Dusko Delic outside the area, which went wide. A cross from Serdar Pir on the right to the far post found an unmarked Zoran Petrevski at the far post, but he lost the ball when trying to control it.

The Eagles could have taken the lead in the twenty-sixth minute after cross from Jesse Krncevic on the left found Visevic near the penalty spot. Visevic turned one way, then the other before firing a shot at Acevski which was spilled before being cleared. Two minutes later Hume looked to have opened the scoring when a cross from the left saw Gal



The Eagles are flying after Daniel Vidosic opens the scoring. PHOTO: ANITA MILAS

spill the ball as he tried to take it above Vlahos, the ball falling to Opazo who chipped it goalwards only to see a desperate scissor kick clearance on the line by Erhan Karahan keep the ball out.

As half-time approached, Richmond won a free kick eight yards outside the box on the right after a foul on van 't Schip. Visevic's ball squeezed through a crowded penalty area and inside the far post to give Richmond the lead in the final seconds of the first half.

When play resumed a strong run from Krncevic inside the first minute saw him get into the box, where he was well held up by Isyan Erdogan who also managed to block his shot. Krncevic threatened again a minute later, almost getting on the end of a cross from Karahan but foiled by Acevski claiming the ball smartly.

A dangerous cross from Vlahos on the left to the far post saw Karahan slide in to put the ball out for a corner, but he injured himself in the process and was soon substituted for Michael Catalano. Hume should have drawn level in the fifty-sixth minute when a deflected shot from Opazo struck the crossbar, the re-

bound falling to Delic who shot wide with an open goal begging.

Visavec played a great one-two with van't Schip to break down the right and get into the box, but was unable to make the space to get a shot in. Shortly after, in the sixty-sixth minute, he intercepted the ball in his own half and picked out Krncevic on the run down the left. Krncevic carried the ball forward, cut in and then scored with a brilliant chip to extend Richmond's lead to 2-0.

Tempers flared in the seventy-fifth minute when Antun Kovacic was fouled and rolled into an opponent. A melee developed, and firstly Riccobene was sent-

off for striking before Kovacic was also dismissed. Acevski was also booked for dissent before play could resume.

A cross from Vlahos in the eighty-first minute would hand Hume a lifeline, as Turhan Sumbul went down after a push from Tsiaras and a penalty was awarded. Ross Thompson slotted the spot kick away to set up a tense finale. Cardozo shot wide from outside the box, before Vlahos had a shot saved by Gal at the near post. Richmond continued to hold Hume out however, and when the final whistle came recorded a 2-1 victory that sent them into the 2010 Alanic Victorian Premier League Grand Final.



Jess Krncevic scoops the ball over Louie Acevski and clinches what ended up being the winner. PHOTO: ANITA MILAS

Tempers flared as a Grand Final place was at stake PHOTO:ANITA MILAS



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